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Merchants Sound Off On Downtown Safety, Trash Pick-up Issues

Addressing concerns ranging from long-term downtown development, safety, in-town density, and garbage removal, several Borough business owners met yesterday to discuss what will likely be the major issues of the coming year.

In their first general meeting of 2005, members of the Borough Merchants for Princeton had an opportunity to ask Mayor Joe O'Neill about various issues that affect in-town businesses. The discussion centered around the increase in crime in town, and the possibility of combining the Borough and Township police departments as a possible solution to the drying up of federal funds made available from the Community Oriented Policing Services Program (COPS). Mr. O'Neill left the issue open-ended, saying the Borough was currently involved in a study that re-evaluates what is needed on the police force, including the possibility of joining forces with the Township.

"What do we really need? Let's also look at consolidation of the police forces. I wouldn't say that those would be permanent cuts, but I wouldn't say they weren't either."

Lori Rabon, general manager of the Nassau Inn, said she was concerned with teens congregating as the weather becomes warmer, as well as an increase in gang-related activity. Recently, she said, Nassau Inn employees were faced with three children lighting matches, almost causing a fire.

"Probably nine times out of ten it's harmless, but I have employees who learn walking around in town, and once the employees start to have this fear, it's going to [affect] our guests." In responding to Ms. Rabon's concerns, Mr. O'Neill referred back to the possibility of consolidating forces with the Township. He said in meeting with senior Borough police officers about six months ago, he had expected to encounter resistance, which, as it turned out, was not the case.

However, the prospect of consolidation was easier said than done, the mayor added. "I don't expect it to be easy, and several major decisions have to be made; and two of them are deal-breakers," he said. One of those factors would be the cost-sharing between the

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Task Force Endorses PHCS Relocation

On the heels of last month's announcement by the trustees of Princeton HealthCare System concerning relocation options, a community task force has endorsed that decision through a report released Monday, ending a multi-year analysis of whether the 85-year Princeton hospital should expand on-site or move to the outskirts of town.

The report included 10 recommendations to Borough and Township zoning boards, the Princeton Regional Planning Board, and the respective governing bodies as to how the entities should handle the mammoth task of rezoning the 11.76 acres on Witherspoon Street, and the nine acres that make up the Merwick Rehab site on Bayard Lane.

Expected to cost in the area of \$250 million, the move would create a near-by campus comprising the hospital, Merwick, Princeton House Behavioral Health, Princeton HomeCare Services, Princeton Fitness & Wellness Center, and the Princeton Surgical Center. That campus, according to PHCS officials, would be located within two to six miles of the hospital's present campus on Witherspoon Street.

After reviewing the strategic plan put forth by the hospital last year, the task force, a legal entity composed of Borough and Township zoning, planning, health, and elected officials, recommended that not only should the hospi-

tal continue its quest for a new campus outside of town, but that the Princeton Regional Planning Board should begin exploring various zoning alternatives if the hospital were not successful in its attempts to move, a possibility that, according to PHCS President & CEO Barry Rabner, is not "in the cards." If relocation efforts are unsuccessful, Borough Council and Township Committee would have to amend the Princeton Community Master Plan, and, as the current hospital site straddles the two municipalities, the Borough and Township zoning boards would have to

expand the HMC and H-2 zoning districts respectively. The Borough's HMC includes the adjacent surface lot on Franklin Avenue, and the Township's H-2 includes four hospital-owned single-family homes on Harris Road.

The task force report also recommended that if on-site expansion were to occur, abutting properties in the area should be included in rezoning, including the former gas station currently used by the Princeton Packet on the corner of Witherspoon Street and Henry Avenue; the Borough

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Borough Council Discusses Its Budget Goals for 2005

Keeping the budget down, investigating the possibility of consolidating police departments with the Township, and creating a special improvement district (SID) downtown were main topics of concern discussed by Borough Council when it outlined its goals for 2005 at its meeting on Tuesday, February 8.

Finding a budget that is workable for both the Borough's staff departments and the Borough's taxpayers emerged as Council's main goal to work on during the next year. Currently, the Borough Police Department has a staff of

32 officers, down two from its previous staffing. In addition, six Borough staff positions that have become vacant over the past year have been left unfilled.

However, these immediate cuts to staff are only temporary solutions to the bigger problem, an ever-growing tax rate in the Borough, said Mayor O'Neill: "Those are things we can't do every year or we won't have a staff."

A \$21.94 million budget last year raised taxes 12 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation of land. While the Borough has promised to try and keep

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FIRE ON STATE ROAD: Last Saturday night's fire began in the garage of this State Road residence and broke through to the first and second floors. It took help from more than half a dozen area fire departments to extinguish the blaze. There were no injuries. Further details are in the Fire Wire and Police Blotter.

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The 35th annual Trinity Church rummage sale set for March 12 and 13 will feature a Friday evening preview sale on March 11, from 7 to 9 p.m., showcasing the ladies' better clothing floor only. A limited number of tickets (60) at \$10 each will be sold for the Friday night sale, along with 40 standby tickets at \$5 each. On the ladies' better attire floor all clothing is sized, and a dressing room is available. Preview tickets are on sale now at the church office, which is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. No phone reservations will be taken for preview sale tickets.

The regular sale will be held Saturday, March 12, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sunday, March 13, from 12:30 to 3 p.m. As usual, free, numbered entry tickets will be distributed at 8 a.m. in front of the church at 33 Mercer Street.

To celebrate the sale's 35th anniversary, anniversary specials will be featured on all three floors. Hot cocoa and rummage tee shirts will be given to those in line Saturday morning.

General rummage items for sale include antiques, clothing

for everyone in the family, furniture, housewares, toys, china, electronics, linens, jewelry, sports equipment, luggage, coffee table books, baby equipment, and bicycles. Most items are 50 percent off on Sunday. At 2 p.m. Sunday, clothing will be sold in Pierce Hall for \$3 a bag. Lunch will be available on Saturday.

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Borough Council met last night to begin its discussion with various department heads in looking at the 2005 budget. The Borough's administration, health, and fire/housing departments were part of last night's discussion outlining each department's monetary needs for the coming year. The next department meeting will be held next Tuesday, February 22.

The **Princeton Regional School Board** met last night to discuss the district's 2005-2006 budget, as well as the possible hiring of security officers for John Witherspoon Middle School and Princeton High School. Action was scheduled to be taken after the Board entered into closed session.

The **Princeton Township Flood Control Committee** will convene this afternoon, February 16, at 4 p.m. in Room B of Township Hall to review its newly-drafted Flood Mitigation Plan, to introduce regulations for new state storm water management, and to discuss storm water management on single-family lots.

Princeton Future, a community group that examines the effects of and facilitates discussion on in-town development, will meet tonight, February 16, at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of the Princeton Public Library to discuss the findings of its Witherspoon Street Corridor Study. The meeting will also address possible future uses of the PSE&G substation site, Griggs Corner, and what to do when Palmer Square North is under construction.

The **Princeton Human Services Commission** will hold a follow-up discussion to November's community dialogue on race relations. The event, "Race Relations: Next Steps," will take place tonight, February 16, from 6 to 9 p.m., at the Suzanne Patterson Center.

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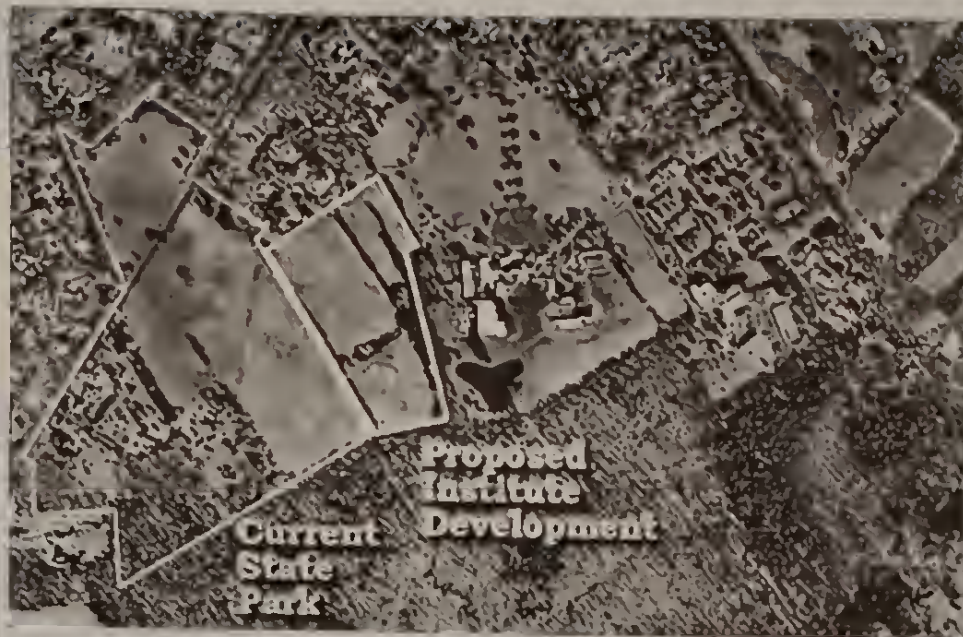


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MARKED FOR REDEVELOPMENT: The Institute for Advanced Study, located on Mercer Road next to the Princeton Battlefield State Park, is looking to use another portion of its land to build single family housing. The 24 acres of land in question are located adjacent to the park, where the main fighting of the Battle of Princeton took place.

(Photo courtesy of the Princeton Battlefield Area Preservation Society)

Local Experts Ready to Battle To Preserve Princeton Battlefield

Local experts pleaded to a standing-room only crowd of 150 people at the Princeton Public Library last Thursday to help support the preservation of land adjacent to the Princeton Battlefield that the Institute for Advanced Study is

considering using to build housing.

The site of a battle that represented a turning point in American history, the Princeton Battlefield is now preserved as an 85-acre state park on either side of Mercer Road in Princeton Township.

While most people may think of Princeton University when they think of the town, the most significant Princeton landmark is the battlefield, according to John Mills,

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The park contains the grave site of 21 British and 15 American soldiers, the Thomas Clark House Museum, and a seedling from the original Mercer Oak tree, which fell in 2000.

Adjacent to the park is the Institute for Advanced Study, which owns 600-acres of woodland and agricultural land as a wildlife preserve with trails open to the public. Founded in 1930 by Louis Bamberger and Caroline Bamberger Fuld, the Institute is an independent, private institution dedicated to the encouragement, support, and patronage of learning through fundamental research and definitive scholarship across a wide range of fields.

But while the Institute has 600 acres of open space, it is looking to use another portion of its land to build 15 single-family residences. The approximately 24 acres of land in question are located just west of the Institute, near where the main fighting of the Battle of Princeton took place, according to the Princeton Battlefield Area Preservation Society.

The Institute, which has commissioned a report surveying the land it hopes to build on, has permanently conserved 75 percent of its property for the park, including the 32 acres it sold to the state in 1973, according to a statement issued last year. Spokeswoman Christine Ferrara said she had no further comment on the matter.

Jerry Hurwitz, president of the Princeton Battlefield Preservation Society, told residents on Thursday to reflect on the importance of the field, which is second only to Trenton as the most historically significant site in New Jersey.

"We want this to be a shining example of the sacrifices and patriotism of Americans during the Revolution," he said. "We feel this is sacred ground and houses shouldn't be built on it."

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curator of the Princeton Battlefield, who added that the last thing Princeton needs is to have a historical park in the middle of a new housing development.

Historically Significant

Following the discussion by local experts, author and historian David Hackett Fischer discussed his recently published book, *Washington's Crossing*, which emphasizes the significance of the Princeton Battlefield.

A professor of history at

Brandeis University who attended Princeton University as an undergrad in the late 1950s, Mr. Fischer authored a book which provides a well-researched analysis of George Washington's historic Christmas crossing of the Delaware, and the defeat of the British Army at Princeton.

The battlefield's history began on January 3, 1777, when the Battle of Princeton was fought on the farm fields of Thomas and William Clarke, two Quaker brothers. The battle was part of the Ten Crucial Days, a turning point of the Revolutionary War. It was the first battle for the Marine

Corps, and the place where the first marine was killed in combat.

The battle followed the American victory at Trenton on December 26, 1776, when George Washington crossed the Delaware River to defeat the British Army.

The original battle spanned over 1.5 miles of land in Princeton, with fighting ranging from the farms in Stony Brook Village, to what is now the campus of Princeton University. Considered one of the fiercest battles of the war, it resulted in 86 British casualties and approximately 200 soldiers captured, as well as

40 American casualties, including Brigadier General Hugh Mercer, for whom Mercer County was named.

Mr. Fischer told his audience that 50 percent of the British soldiers were wounded or killed on that day in Princeton.

"The blood flowed from the men onto the surface of ice and the field turned red," he said.

The Battle of Princeton is so historically significant, he added, that in World War II, an aircraft carrier was named U.S.S. Princeton in honor of the historical event that helped change the outcome of the Revolutionary War.

"Almost everyone on both sides saw this as a turning point," said Mr. Fischer. "What this battle did was save this revolution from a moment of disaster."

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Hosted by film historian and archivist Bruce Lawton, Fab Four Weekend will kick off with screenings of *The First U.S. Visit*, and *A Hard Day's Night*, beginning at 7 p.m. on Friday, January 28. The weekend continues on Saturday, January 29, at 1 p.m., when *Yellow Submarine* will be shown, followed at 3:45 p.m. with a screening of various performance clips of the band. On Sunday, January 30, a wrap-up program

will feature, *Let It Be*, at 3 p.m. Each screening in the all-ages series will be followed by a discussion session with Mr. Lawton, familiar to library customers for the wide assortment of film programming he has presented. Mr. Lawton said that since the series coincides with the 41st anniversary of the Beatles' arrival in the United States, it was appropriate to begin the weekend with *The First U.S. Visit*, a 1994 release that chronicles the Beatles' arrival in New York in 1964, culminating with their first appear-

ance on *The Ed Sullivan Show*.

A Hard Day's Night follows the Beatles as they travel with their road crew. Directed by Richard Lester, its slapdash production makes it a definite curio. A 1968 animated feature, *Yellow Submarine*, sets the Beatles music to psychedelic imagery. Directed by George Dunning, the film is considered a triumph of 60's pop art. The collection of concert footage, films and videos to be shown on Saturday, at 3:45 p.m., features footage of the Beatles as a band contrasted with clips of some of their solo efforts.

Finally, 1970's *Let it Be* shows the Beatles working together as a band before breaking apart. Directed by Michael Lindsay-Hogg, it was originally filmed as a multi-part TV special before being reformatted as a theatrical release. The film won an Oscar for Best Original Song Score and much of its music became the basis for the *Abbey Road* album.

Hailing from a long line of cinematographers, Mr. Lawton specializes in restoring and re-releasing classics from film and television. He worked as a coordinator on *The First 100 Years: A Celebration of American Movies*.

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Nassau Street Subdivision Slated For Final Planning Board Hearing

A plan to build four homes on 1.42 acres of land behind a property at 302 Nassau Street will be addressed by the Princeton Regional Planning Board tomorrow evening at 7 p.m. at Township Hall.

The hearing is the extension of the February 3 session that was cut short due to the late hour. At that meeting, some public comment was heard, but several residents against the application were not recognized.

The development proposal is the project of the Barsky Brothers Holdings Corp., a developer whose principals, Igor and Roman Barsky, have designed and built several projects in Princeton Borough and Township. One notable recent completion of the developer is Barsky Homes, the condominium complex on Torrey Lane off Witherspoon Street in the Borough.

Calling the subdivision proposal for the property behind 302 Nassau Street "out of character" with the rest of the neighborhood, several residents from adjacent Queenston Place and Linden Lane worried that the ratio of house size to lot size was too large. Residents also worried that the four houses would crowd the property, preferring that, at most, two new homes be built on-site.

Residents specifically objected to the size of the proposed four lots in the rear, which range from 8,794 square feet to 10,837 square feet. The homes themselves are all around 4,500 square feet, but tend to be significantly larger than the surrounding homes on Queenston and Linden.

The Borough's R-3 zone, where the proposed subdivision would be built, allows single-family homes on lots with a minimum size of 7,200 square feet.

Steve Gubser, who spoke on behalf of residents opposed to the possible development, said the Barsky's plans suffered

from "excessive density" and that the style of the homes are too "boxy," and would clash with the existing buildings.

Mr. Gubser also objected to the proposed road, Barsky Court, that would create access to the homes in the rear of the current structure. He did say, however, that he and his neighbors had anticipated some development on that land.

But architect David Minno, from the Lambertville-based firm Minno & Wasko, said he felt the Barsky's plan was in tune with the character of the neighborhood, known as Jugtown.

Tomorrow evening's hearing will include further testimonial from attorneys for both the developer and residents as well as public comment.

—Matthew Hersh

Career Counselor, Author To Speak at University

Melissa Everett, a writer on workplace issues and a seasoned career consultant will present a public lecture titled, "Making a Living While Making a Difference" at 4:30 p.m. next Wednesday, February 23, in the Frist Campus Center Multipurpose Room A, on the Princeton University campus. The lecture will be followed at 6 p.m. by an interactive student workshop for developing tools for careers in the public good. The workshop, which requires registration, will be held in 328 Frist.

Ms. Everett, author of *Making a Living While Making a Difference: The Expanded Guide to Creating Careers with a Conscience*, has lectured and led workshops internationally, including at Barnard, Cornell, Dartmouth, Harvard, MIT, and Yale.

The public lecture will address the career opportunities in a range of industries and how one can make career and business decisions in keeping with personal, social and environmental values.

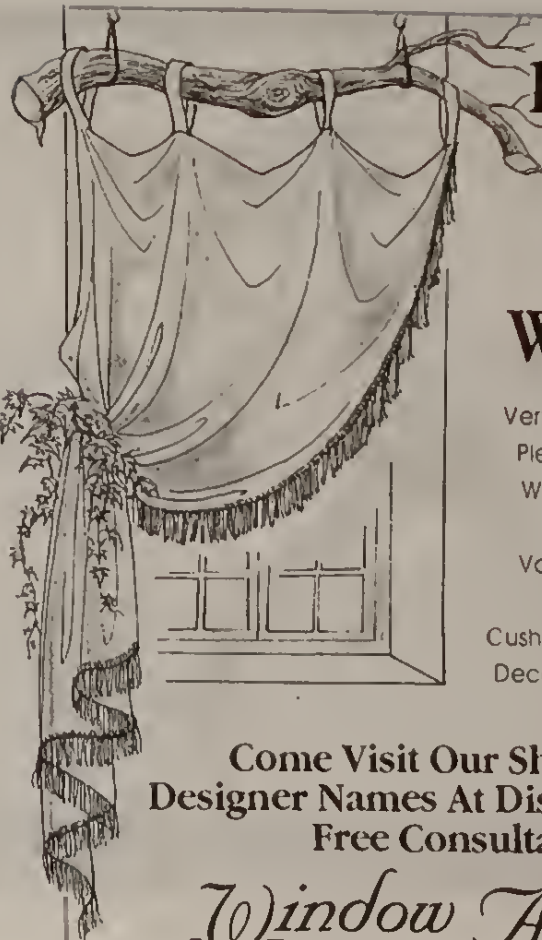
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Free Tax Assistance For Hispanic Residents

From February 1 through April 15, free tax preparation assistance is available for Hispanic residents through AARP's Tax-Aide program for all middle and low income taxpayers, with special attention to those aged 60 and older.

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Housing Authority-managed Maple Terrace and Franklin Terrace; and the office building on the corner of Witherspoon Street and Witherspoon Lane, including the townhouses and apartments on the north side of Witherspoon Lane. According to the report, seven of the 10 task force members were in favor of this zoning expansion, with Township Committeeman Bill Enslin, Borough Council President Mildred Trotman, and Mr. Reed dissenting, saying their support of the hospital's plans "must be balanced against protection for the surrounding residential neighborhood from a significant increase in the presence of the Medical Center," adding that doubling the size of the hospital and whatever the subsequent traffic increase "does not strike that balance." However, expanding on-site, Mr. Rabner said, is "unlikely," but it is "imaginable." He said the hospital's board is now focusing "all efforts on identifying the best location nearby," adding that a target site for the campus would be decided on in the next several weeks.

The move, Mr. Rabner said, would not occur for another five to six years.

Overall, Mr. Rabner said he was "very pleased" with the task force report.

"I thought the it was very reasonable because they are trying to balance the enormous needs that we have with the preferences of the community to preserve what is here and the interest of the community in having a

hospital that remains state-of-the-art. That's very difficult," Mr. Rabner did say, however, that he was happy to see that the report offered no outright reflection of the findings of Alan Sager, the independent consultant from Boston University hired by the task force to analyze the PHCS strategic plan. "We had hoped that his work would inform our planning process, by testing the assumptions and reasonableness of what we were thinking, but I found [Sager's report] to be very generic."

"He looked at national information and sort of extrapolated that to the activities of the hospital," Mr. Rabner said.

In the meantime, the immediate needs of the hospital should be accommodated, including an additional 35,000 square feet of construction on the current campus, so that the hospital can continue to "operate efficiently," according to the task force report.

"We're suggesting an immediate adjustment in the zoning regulation to accommodate the laboratory and other infrastructural improvements," Marvin Reed, chairman of the task force said. He added that these adjustments could mean building "up." The task force did not recommend that Borough Council or Township Committee declare the current hospital campus as a state-designated "area in need of redevelopment," adding that it was not recommended to acquire adjacent properties under the guise of "eminent domain." Additional recommendations included one that the plan-

ning board choreograph any rezoning so that compatible standards are applied in both the Borough and Township; that the planning board and zoning boards consider amendments to the master plan, thus enabling the sale and development of the existing PHCS properties; and that particular consideration be given to maintaining some sort of in-town access facility for emergency purposes. This last recommendation was not supported by Township Board of Health Commissioner Norman Sissman and Ms. Trotman, who said in the report that emphasizing such consideration "does not achieve [the] goal of providing equal access to clinic and emergency services for all Princetonians after the hospital moves out of town."

—Matthew Hersh

Washington's Birthday At Johnson Ferry House

The Johnson Ferry House at Washington Crossing State Park, New Jersey, invites the public to a George Washington's Birthday Celebration on Sunday, February 20, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Sponsored by the Washington Crossing Association, the event will feature a variety of 18th Century domestic and educational activities. Both the farm house and the barn shop will be open. Colonial toys and games can be found in the parlor; the history of gingerbread and hearth-baking will be demonstrated in the kitchen.

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House Fire Closes U.S. 206 for Hours; Damage Extensive

A house fire in the 200 block of State Road on Saturday evening resulted in severe damage to the home and the closing of Route 206 for approximately four hours. The homeowners escaped the blaze unharmed.

The fire began at approximately 9 p.m. on February 12 in a parked Mercedes in the garage, where it was quickly discovered by one of the homeowners. Township Police reported receiving calls about the fire minutes later, at 9:11 p.m. Police patrol units were dispatched immediately, as were responders from the Princeton Fire Department and Princeton First Aid and Rescue Squad.

Fire departments from surrounding townships also assisted in putting out the fire, police said.

The cause of the fire is being investigated by the Township Fire Marshall Ron DiLapo and by Ptl. Francisco Castro Jr. of the Township Police Department.

A six-week investigation that involved the Princeton Township Police Department, Freehold Township Police Department, and U.S. Secret Service resulted in the arrest on February 9 of a Bronx, N.Y. man suspected of having cashed a forged check in Princeton on December 24. Joe Lopez, 42, was accused of forgery and theft by deception for allegedly cashing the forged check, made payable to himself in the amount of \$1,477, at a State Road bank. The accused, who was determined to be wanted also on warrants from other jurisdictions, was turned over to police in Monmouth County, where he is being held in lieu of \$2,500 bail.

Shortly after appearing in Borough Municipal Court on February 7, a Princeton man was arrested in the Borough Hall parking lot after police officers, suspecting the man of being physically impaired by alcohol or drugs and therefore unable to drive, found a crack cocaine pipe in plain view in his car along with a small quantity of the illegal substance. Charles Jacobs, 50, of Maclean Street, was then charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and crack cocaine, and ordered to appear in court again, on February 21.

A Trenton man, James Hill, 44, was arrested after he refused to leave the Bank of America offices on Nassau Street on February 11. He was charged with defiant trespass and released with a summons to appear in court on February 21.

Christianne Greer, 21, of Washington, D.C., a Princeton University student, was arrested on February 11 on campus after allegedly stealing food items from the Wawa Market on University Place. According to Borough Police, the accused student had been confronted by a store employee at the time of the alleged theft but then

pushed the employee before fleeing the store. Her identity was determined by several credit cards she inadvertently dropped at the store.

A section of Nassau Street was closed in mid-afternoon on Saturday, February 12 as a result of a leaking gas pipe discovered under the west-bound lane of Nassau Street near Pine Street. The leak forced the evacuation of buildings from 248 to 258 Nassau Street until the gas odor was dissipated. The street remained closed until 6:45 a.m. Sunday. There were no reported injuries.

Three thefts were reported on the Princeton University campus. A 21-year-old student reported the theft of a driver's license, credit cards, and clothing items that she had left unattended in the Cottage Club on February 8. On February 13, an 18-year-old student reported the theft, some time the previous day, of a cell phone and camera from a coat she had left

unattended in 1903 Hall. A jacket and cell phone belonging to another student were also reported to have been stolen that day from Tiger Inn. Police have no suspects in any of the cases.

RESCUE REPORT

The Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad responded to 45 calls during the week of February 5 through February 11. A total of 25 calls were located in Princeton Township, 16 in Princeton Borough, and four in neighboring municipalities. Included in these numbers were seven calls to Princeton University.

On Saturday, February 5, the squad responded to Princeton House three times within four hours for medical emergencies. The first call came in at 2:25 p.m., for a female with chest pains. Later, at

5:45 p.m., the squad responded to a report of an unresponsive patient. While they were evaluating the individual, the crew was notified by Princeton House staff that another patient at the facility was experiencing chest pain. Fortunately, additional personnel had responded to the call, and they treated the other patient while an additional squad ambulance responded to the scene.

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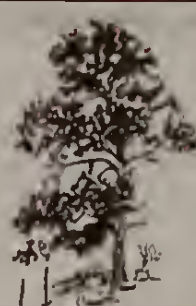
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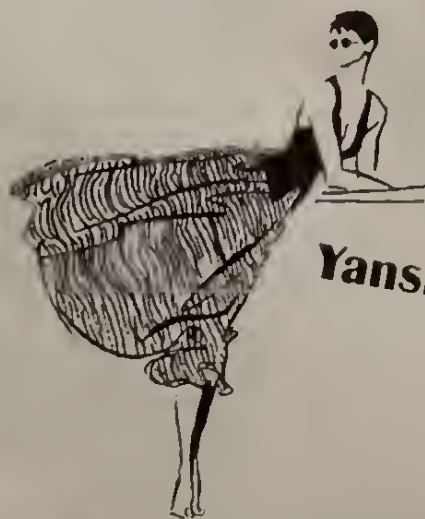
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Merchants Sound Off

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two municipalities. Currently, there is about a 70 percent to 30 percent split of cost between joint-municipal agencies, with the Township shouldering the larger portion of the split. But if there is one joint police department, Mr. O'Neill said, the possibility of splitting 50-50 would have to be discussed.

The other issue would be the question of which municipality would act as the lead agency. Mr. O'Neill pointed out that with other joint agencies, there is a "tendency" to devote more time to the municipality "that pays your paycheck." Additionally, the mayor said that the Borough could benefit from having the extra law enforcers present, joking that the "Township Police are con-

stantly cutting through the Borough — and we haven't charged them yet." Borough Merchants Board President and Cranbury Station owner Kathy Moraldi suggested that there be some sort of enhanced non-police security presence around the Central Business District (CBD), much like the security agency employed by Palmer Square.

Nick Hilton, owner of Nick Hilton Studio on Witherspoon Street, suggested a mall-type security operation. "In the malls, the mall provides the security, but here, the landlord doesn't," he said.

An additional discussion on trash pick-up in the CBD stemmed from yesterday's meeting with several merchants complaining that nearby businesses or residents were putting trash out

on the curb on Friday evening for a Monday morning pick-up or were illegally placing garbage in commercial dumpsters. "The Garden Theater dumpsters are not full everyday because of popcorn," Mr. O'Neill said, saying that he often sees discarded furniture in those dumpsters.

Borough Administrator Robert Bruschi said the municipality was looking to come to terms with enforcement in handling illegal dumping.

Mr. O'Neill also addressed the recent discussion about forming a Special Improvement District (SID) in the CBD. A SID is a municipal designation to augment existing services in downtown areas. Typically geared only to businesses that fall within the predetermined confines of a SID, those properties

would be assessed a fee that would pay for services like security, trash pick-up, and snow removal.

Changing Demographic

Mr. O'Neill also urged merchants to anticipate the impact of more residents within the CBD. With 77 new units on the way as part of the Borough's downtown redevelopment project and the 100 condominium units to be built on Palmer Square North along Paul Robeson Place, the mayor said those additions could "more than double" the population of the CBD. The mayor said the Borough units and Palmer Square units, which will sell for between \$750,000 to \$1 million, will likely bring in many people in their 50s, or "empty nesters," so restaurants and merchants alike should begin to think in terms

of that new demographic. Comparing the future CBD to Manhattan's Greenwich Village, Mr. O'Neill said businesses should start thinking about accommodating residents who use street-level commercial businesses on a daily basis, and not only on the weekends.

He added that some areas that could be further examined for development are Griggs Corner across from the Princeton Public Library, and the set of stores facing Spring Street. The mayor suggested that better access to those stores from the new library square be explored.

"That set of stores which now face onto Spring Street is not logical or economical. They should be facing the square, where you have 2,500 potential customers going to the library."

—Matthew Hersh

bring dishes containing pork, beef, shellfish, or alcohol. The event is free and open to the public. The goal, according to Rev. Moore, "is to promote positive and mutually affirming approaches to faith, in contrast to the divisive and exclusionary purposes fundamentalists often use toward religion."

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation is located at 50 Cherry Hill Road, just up the hill from the light at the intersection with 206. For further information, contact the Coalition at (609) 924-5022 or check the website at www.peacecoalition.org.

American Cancer Society Sponsors 'Relay for Life'

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life of West Windsor will host a kickoff rally on February 23 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Robert Wood Johnson — Hamilton Center for Health & Wellness at 3100 Quakerbridge Road. The purpose of the rally is to share with local residents the importance of Relay for Life in saving lives from cancer.

Relay for Life is an American Cancer Society overnight event that mobilizes communities throughout the country to celebrate survivors, remember loved ones, and raise money for the fight against cancer.

Teams of eight to 15 members gather with tents, sleeping bags, and sneakers to participate in the largest fundraising walk in the nation. Relay for Life brings together friends, families, businesses, hospitals, schools, and community groups. Teams seek sponsorship prior to the Relay. It all comes down to one goal: eliminating cancer.

Relay for Life returns to the West Windsor campus of Mercer County Community College on June 10-11. Volunteers are needed to organize and recruit teams, seek community support, coordinate logistics, find refreshments and prizes, plan entertainment, and lend their support.

For more information on the February 23 kickoff, or to volunteer for a place on the Relay for Life committee, call the American Cancer Society at (800) ACS-2345, available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, or visit www.cancer.org.

Interfaith Panel to Explore Need to Overcome Division

The Coalition for Peace Action, the Central Jersey Interfaith Group, and Not In Our Town are co-sponsoring an interfaith panel and diversity potluck on Sunday, February 20, from 3:30 to 7 p.m. The event is being hosted by the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Princeton.

The topic of the panel will be "Overcoming Division: Cooperation Among Faith Communities." Presenters will include The Rev. Peggy Hodgkins, president of the Princeton Clergy Association; Wilma Solomon, from the Jewish Center of Princeton; Ebisamm Ammar, a Muslim woman who has had interfaith gatherings in her home; The Rev. George Hunsinger, coordinator, Church Folks for a Better America; Imam Abdul-Malik Ali, of the Masjidut Taqwa Mosque in Trenton; and The Rev. Robert Moore, executive director of Coalition for Peace Action.

Following the panel, which runs from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., the format will be to break into smaller discussion groups scheduled for 4:30 to 5:30 p.m..

The event will conclude with a diversity potluck at 5:45 p.m. Those attending are asked to bring a dish to share. Attendees are asked not to



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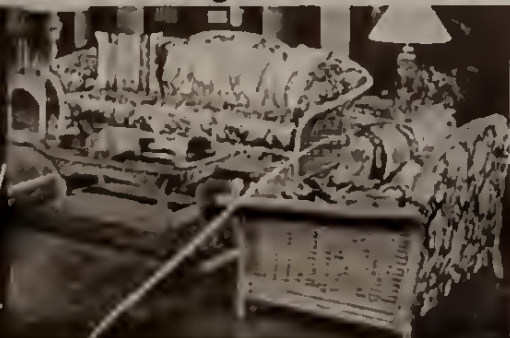
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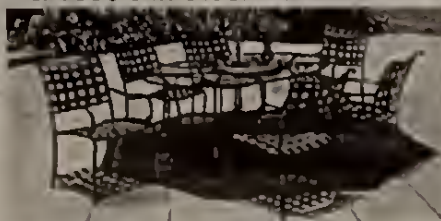
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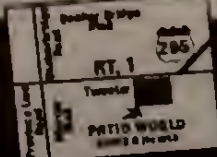
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Person You Admire: "I really admire my dad because of how hard he works and how unselfish he is. He's a foreman of the paint shop at Princeton University."

Richard Volz

Attending the Hun School as a student, Richard Volz found the inspiration to become like one of the people he looked up to as a teenager.

"I was inspired by all the young guy teachers who were very enthusiastic about their subject matter. They seemed to have everything going for them, and that's what I wanted to do when I got out of college."

Now, Mr. Volz is an English teacher for freshman and sophomore students at Hun, as well as a student advisor, and assistant coach for boys' varsity soccer, girls' varsity basketball, and head coach for junior varsity baseball.

He's also a TOD, or teacher on duty, as he lives in Russell Dormitory and is available to senior male students one day a week, as well as one weekend a month.

When asked if his duties infringe on his personal life, he pointed to how being involved makes him a better teacher.

"I know every student in the senior class....When you coach, teach, and live with the same group of people you really get to understand them and help them better."

Serving as a class advisor to nine students, Mr. Volz has watched them grow from freshmen to seniors, a particularly rewarding experience this year because he will watch his first class graduate. Class advisors help run class officer meetings, organize fundraising events, and help organize the prom.

Last year when the students chose to go on a boat cruise in Philadelphia, each one shook hands with Mr. Volz as they walked on the boat, each face representing a memory to the teacher.

Now, he's helping organize the senior class trip to Orlando, the last event during their final days before graduation.

"I've followed them through the years....all the way up to their senior class trip," he said.

Mr. Volz's involvement as a teacher reflects his involvement as a student at the Hun School. Growing up in Ewing, he attended the school during his high school years, participating in varsity baseball and soccer, as well as playing the trumpet in the jazz band. He also had mentors like the late Rob Myslik, an English teacher and soccer coach at the school.

Now, coaching boys' varsity soccer, he boasts of the team's successful season this year, with the only losses being to two of the most competitive schools in the area. The girls' varsity basketball team is currently 20 to 1, and are heading to the state and Maple Leaf tournaments this week.

"This is definitely the best season the girls' basketball team has ever had here," he said.

A Friendly Face

Friendliness and consistency are the qualities Mr. Volz considers among his strengths as a teacher.

"If you know your students, they'll work for you and trust you, and I think that's important," he said.

The English teacher enjoys teaching "challenging texts" to his students, including Virgil, Homer, and Shakespeare.

"They appreciate doing the masterworks....It compliments them when you show that you feel they're capable of doing the material."

Coming back to the Hun School to teach wasn't as much of a choice for Mr. Volz, as it was a calling, he said: "It wasn't an issue of teaching public versus private for me; it was more just about how much I liked this place. I also enjoyed the idea of living on campus, because I'm so close to my family."

He also feels that the Hun School, because it is small and private, can offer much more to students: "What we really offer is a real small faculty-to-student ratio....I know every student in the senior class, and that's a good feeling at graduation."

But things at Hun have changed since he attended it, he said: "I think it's become academically more difficult....We're taking better students and we're definitely giving them harder material than when I was a student here."

In terms of general issues surrounding education in this country, Mr. Volz feels that the size of the school and the resulting lack of attention students receive can be a detriment to students' education if they attend large school districts.

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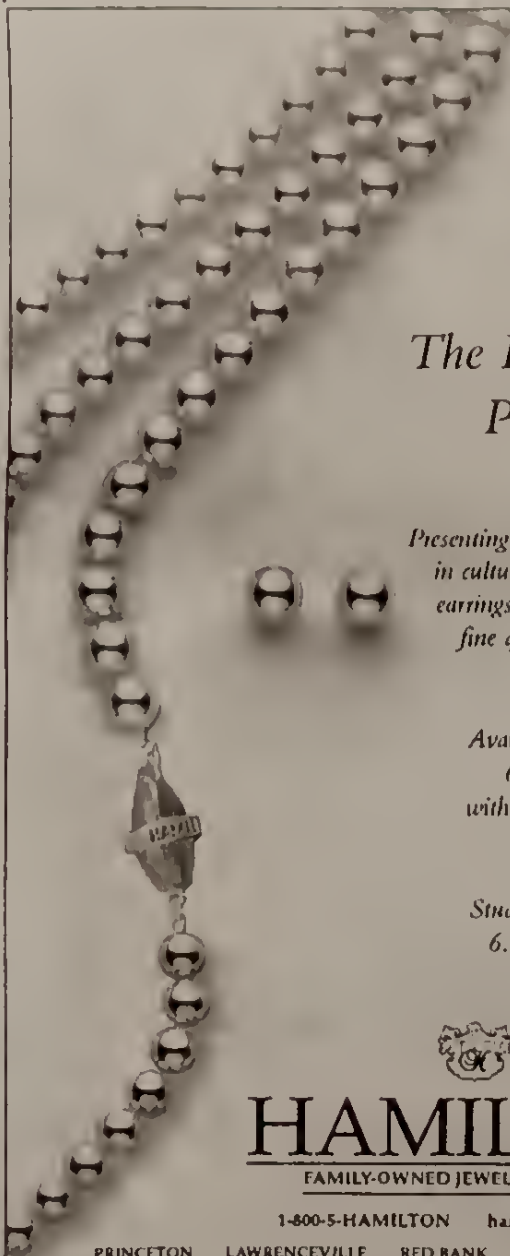
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taxes down in 2005, a potential nine-cent increase is looming. Councilman Roger Martindell said that the Borough should choose a number for its 2005 budget and find a way to keep it there, despite unforeseen costs.

"I think there should be a bottom line number that we're working on," he said.

The rest of Council pushed for other issues at the meeting, including the need for pursuing a dialogue with Princeton University about additional monetary support, finding ways to address issues shared by Township and Borough, and exploring other avenues for parking relief downtown, including the possibility of a jitney system.

The creation of a SID or similar measure to deal with issues such as road clean-up was listed by most Council members as a top priority for 2005.

"If it's a good idea, we ought to do it," said Councilman David Goldfarb, suggesting that the Borough should do it regardless of whether or not it is deemed necessary. Business in town is not being fully developed because no one except Palmer Square Management is pushing for it, he added.

A SID was also brought to the table during recent Council discussions on snow removal in the Borough. If there were a SID, all downtown businesses would have a specific company that would come out and make sure all the walkways were efficiently cleaned up, some

Council members said.

"We're missing ... certain things that would make this a more special town," said Councilman Andrew Koontz. "We can do it through fines, or we can do it through a SID."

Councilwoman Wendy Benchley disagreed, relaying that after attending some of Princeton Future's monthly Community-Based Retail Initiative meetings, she believes merchants are coming up with their own ideas to fix problems in town, and that forcing a SID on the Central Business District would only create negative feelings.

Mayor O'Neill noted that businesses and non-profit organizations such as churches and the University would have to be notified before a discussion on implementing a SID could even begin.

The Borough would also have to specify the rationale for a SID before it could be used to tax residents for services, said Borough Attorney Michael Herbert.

ough to have its own service. He said he feels the best solution to the parking problem in town is to piggyback on someone else's system, either the public bus system or the University's.

Council was scheduled to meet with the Borough's clerk/administration, health, and fire/housing departments on Tuesday night to hear a presentation about each department's individual operations. The presentation was to be followed by a discussion between each department and Council on its monetary needs.

The next department conference is scheduled for Tuesday, February 22, at 7:30 p.m., when Council will meet with public works, the finance department, and the Sewer Operating Committee. The final conference will be held on Thursday, February 24, at 7:30 p.m., when Council will meet with the police and engineering departments.

Another budget discussion will follow the conclusion of these conferences.

—Candace Braun

Shared Issues

How to openly discuss various issues that affect the entire Princeton community was also debated by Council. Mr. Goldfarb suggested meeting with Township Committee on a quarterly basis to talk about general issues that are of concern to both entities, including consolidating police departments.

Council President Mildred Trotman agreed that there are "certainly a lot of joint issues to discuss."

On the recent reports of gang violence in the Borough, Council concluded that the issue is best left to the Princeton Regional Schools and the Borough and Township Police Departments, as they are the most informed and have been handling the problem thus far.

On the subject of creating a jitney in the Borough to alleviate parking problems, Mayor O'Neill said that it would cost upwards of \$1 million per year for the Bor-

Nine Births Reported At Princeton Hospital

The Princeton HealthCare System has reported nine births to area residents during the week ending February 14.

Sons were born to Robyn and Derek Paley, Princeton, February 8; Hemalatha and Ramesh Naropanth, Lawrenceville, February 11; and Emily and Dan Fabrycky, Princeton, February 14.

Daughters were born to Sarah and Jeremy Sanderson, Princeton, February 8; Shumei and Jim Liao, West Windsor, February 8; Rachana Singh and Kekul Shah, Lawrenceville, February 9; Vicki and Michael Paulus, Lawrenceville, February 10; Esperanza Silva and Alfredo Lazo, Princeton, February 12; and Adriana Miguelez and Eduardo Magallanes, Princeton, February 13.

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— Hector Zan Brana, Washington Oaks Development



"I am not really concerned about it because the cut-off line is 55, and it does not affect me, and I do not have any children to worry about. If I were younger, I would want it to be the same — I would want to know that my money is going to be there."

— Steve Mergelsberg, Edwards Place



"The president's ideas are terrible, based pretty much on lies. For example, his proposal assumes that the growth of the economy will be lower than it has been for the last 75 years, while stock returns will be as high as they have been over the same period. Historically, the two have run the same. The only way it would work is for corporate profits to grow at a faster rate than the economy, which has not been the case."

— Jamie Cohen-Cole, Nassau Street



"I don't agree with his plan. I think it is a very risky thing to try, and I do not appreciate his meddling with a system that has worked well so far."

— Wendy Kaczerski, Chestnut Street



"Social security changes are unnecessary, and the people who would be most affected by the proposals, are those with the least investment experience and who can least afford to take risks. Those with the experience are more likely to be better-off and changes would be less beneficial to them. Secure social security benefits are a must in a society that cares."

— Michael Katz, Leabrook Lane

Religions Come Together At University Conference

Starting tomorrow, February 17 through Sunday, February 20, Princeton University's Religious Life Council will host interfaith councils from across the country in its first national collegiate interfaith conference.

The event, "Coming Together: A Venture Across Religious Boundaries," will provide student leaders with the opportunity to discuss how interfaith councils are formed, the role they have on campus, and ideas for programs. Other topics on the agenda will include a workshop on planning interfaith prayer services; the joys and challenges of being a religious student on a secular campus; a sacred text study on war and peace and when it is acceptable (according to sacred texts) to start a war; sacred spaces on the university campus; and a planning session on creating a federation of interfaith councils.

At the opening dinner tomorrow evening, Dr. Eboo Patel, executive director of the Interfaith Youth Core, will speak and on Saturday evening, February 19, Jeffrey Stout, professor of religion at the University, will address the conference followed by an interfaith prayer service.

Interest in religion has dramatically risen among American college students, according to Paul Raushenbush, associate dean of Religious Life at the University. At the same time, he added, campuses have become more religiously diverse with Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, and Sikh groups forming alongside mainline Christians, Evangelical, and Jewish groups.

The University's Religious Life Council (RLC) was formed five years ago and is composed of 25 students who represent 12 different traditions. Last summer, the RLC sent 10 students to present a paper on interfaith engagement in higher education at the Parliament of the World's Religions in Barcelona.

For more information, call (609) 258-6245, or e-mail praushen@princeton.edu.

Second Student Peace Fest Scheduled for February 19

New Jersey Students for Peace (SFP), the student affiliate of the Coalition for Peace Action, will hold their second Peace Fest on Saturday, February 19, from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Princeton at 50 Cherry Hill Road, just up from the light at the intersection with U.S. 206.

Five local high school bands will be performing: Goosey, Retrospect, 2 little girls, Golden Lotus, and Scott Nanos. In addition to music, there will be food and crafts, including Henna tattoos and a variation of a "Tibetan Peace Flag." There will also be a table of literature about peace issues, including Iraq, counter-recruitment and the draft, nuclear weapons, gun violence prevention, and elected representatives.

There will be a \$5 suggested donation at the door. For more details, visit the Coalition for Peace Action web page at www.peacecoalition.org, or call the Coalition office at (609) 924-5022.

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The Princeton Wild Oats Natural Marketplace, in conjunction with YWCA Princeton, Princeton Marketfair, WPST (97.5 FM), and Tender Hearts of Hamilton, will host a "Prom Dress Drive" from now through March 24.

Prom dresses can cost \$300 or more. Many teens can't afford the price but would like to attend their high school prom, so Wild Oats came up with the idea of a prom dress drive. Community members can donate new or like-new prom dresses and help make prom night special for a disadvantaged teenage girl.

Because the prom can be a problematic event for those who can't afford the required attire, Wild Oats would like to relieve some of the stress by helping to make as many as 500 girls' prom wishes come true. Community members interested in helping can drop off dresses in good condition any

time during business hours at Wild Oats, Marketfair, and Princeton YWCA. The dresses will then be sorted and taken to Tender Hearts of Hamilton, where girls can go to select their dresses. Tender Hearts is an independent, nonprofit organization that helps needy and disabled residents in the community.

For more information about the Prom Dress Drive, contact Katie DeTurk, Princeton Wild Oats marketing manager, at (609) 683-8737.

Participants should bring copies of their 2003 Federal and New Jersey tax returns, as well as pertinent 2004 tax information, including all W2 and 1099 forms, property tax information, summarized medical bills, receipts, or canceled checks for itemized deductions.

The Henry F. Pannell Learning Center will also offer free tax assistance on Fridays from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., and Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., on a first-come basis. For further information, call (609) 924-3448 for Pannell, (609) 924-7108 for PSRC.

The Groundhog Day program, which is co-sponsored by the Washington Crossing Audubon Society, is for families. Participants will visit several groundhog burrows and learn about the natural history of the animal. If weather permits, a game about hibernation will be played. Though the program is free, pre-registration is required by January 29. For more information about either program or to register, call the Buttinger Nature Center at (609) 737-7592.

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Both state and federal income tax assistance is available as well as free e-filing. The volunteers are particularly familiar with tax regulations affecting seniors, including pensions, annuities, sale of stock, capital gains, etc. However, they will not do business or complex returns.

Watershed Programs Cover Groundhog Day, Birds

The Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association is offering two programs this week, "Feeding Winter Birds II" and "Groundhog Day."

The bird feeding program is for children ages 6 to 9 and will take place on Thursday, January 27, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. The second part of a two-part series, it will feature a bird beak game, bird watching, and the building of a feeder. Children do not have to attend Part I to participate in Part II. Pre-registration is required by January 20 and enrollment is limited. The fee

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Wednesday, Feb. 16:
9:30 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; RC.
12:15 p.m. Movie & Lunch; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Blood Pressure; SC.
1:30 p.m. Let's Talk in English; SC.
3:00 p.m. Let's Talk Too; SC.
4:30 p.m. CAPS; SPB.

Thursday, Feb. 17:
9:30 a.m. Yoga; SPB.
11:00 a.m. Let's Talk in English Too!; RC.
1:00 p.m. Art; SPB.
3:00 p.m. Pilates; SPB.

Friday, Feb. 18:
9:30 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
9:30 a.m. Free Tax Assistance; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Art; SPB.
10:45 a.m. Ping-Pong; SPB.
12:00 p.m. Brown Bag "Insurance & Consumer Awareness for Seniors #2"; SPB.

Monday, Feb. 21:
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Tuesday, Feb. 22:
11:15 a.m. Chair Yoga; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Social Bridge; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Literature w/George Ingenbrandt; SC.
1:00 p.m. Scrabble; SPB.
1:30 p.m. Computer Lab; SPB.

Wednesday, Feb. 23:
9:30 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
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University Combats Endowment Suit By Seeking Sole Beneficiary Status

In a counter maneuver to a lawsuit over the alleged misappropriation of about \$100 million of endowment funds, attorneys for Princeton University are now seeking a ruling from the New Jersey Superior Court that would essentially declare the academic institution as the sole beneficiary of the Robertson Foundation — an entity created with a \$35 million gift in 1961 to prepare students at the University's Woodrow Wilson School of International and Public Affairs for careers in public service. The gift, currently worth approximately \$620 million, has allegedly been misused by the University, and Robertson family members are now seeking to gain control over

the foundation. A principal in the lawsuit against the University, William Robertson is the son of the original donors Charles and Marie Robertson, both deceased, and is the heir to the family's fortune, which was built on the success of the national grocery chain, A&P.

The relationship between the Robertsons and the University soured, and now the family claims the University has misappropriated the money. Too many Woodrow Wilson graduates are entering the private sector, and as such, the current \$620 million endowment should be returned to the family, the lawsuit says.

In this most recent filing, the University is seeking a ruling from the courts that would preclude the Robertsons from using the money for programs in other academic institutions. In a news conference last year, Mr. Robertson had identified Tufts University as a possible beneficiary of returned endowment funds.

When the suit was first filed in 2002, a University statement said Mr. Robertson's primary objection was not to the number of graduates finding work in the private sector, but to the board's recommendation that PRINCO, the University office that oversees investment of the University's endowment, be retained to manage the assets.

"Since filing their original complaint in July 2002, the family trustees have used their positions as trustees of the Robertson Foundation to oppose and obstruct proposed financial support of the Robertson Foundation for the graduate program of the Woodrow Wilson School," the University's filing said.

Douglas Eakely, attorney for Lowenstein Sandler, which is representing the University in the Robertson case, said he and his clients would "like an end to the dispute over these issues as quickly as possible," adding that the University would seek to resolve "other differences among the trustees of the Robertson Foundation."

Calling the University's filing a "repackaging" of the defense that they "have done no wrong," Seth Lapidow, of the firm Saul Ewing, said his client, Mr. Robertson, is considering his options about what to do in the face of the University filing.

"They're trying to seek a declaration that they don't lose, and we're considering our options, but we think [the filing] is pretty non-substantive."

Mr. Lapidow added that he expected to try the case before Superior Court Judge Neil Shuster of the Chancery Division in March 2006.

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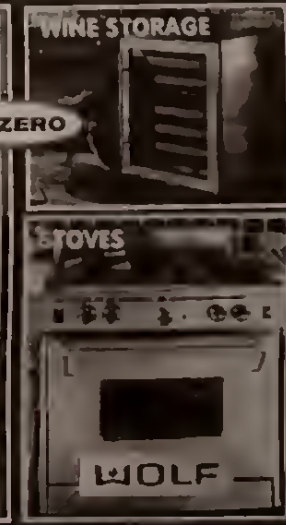
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Kuang-Yu Fong, the ensemble's executive director and co-artistic director, will present a lecture and a demonstration of the Chinese Theatre Works repertoire as part of the library's Unquiet Fridays series.

Chinese Theatre works is made up of classically trained Chinese opera performers and puppeteers. The company has performed and taught at venues throughout the region and at the National Puppetry Festival.

Ms. Fong studied Chinese opera under famous masters at the Fu Lien Cheng Peking Opera School. She has taught at Pace University since 1990 and has conceived and directed many original productions, including *Zhong Boils the Ocean*, *Border of Womankind*, and *Tiger Toes*. *Toy Theater Pavilion* was awarded a 2001 UNIMA-USA Citation of Excellence in Puppetry.

Since 2003, Ms. Fong has served on the board of UNIMA-USA, the North American branch of Union Internationale de la Marionette, believed to be the world's oldest international theater organization.

Chinese Theatre Works was formed in 2001 through the merger of two existing Chinese performing arts organizations: The Gold Mountain Institute for Traditional Shadow Puppetry, and Chinese Theatre Workshop.

Ms. Fong's presentation is part of the library's popular Unquiet Fridays series. The library stays open late one Friday each month to present cultural or personal enrichment programming. For more information, call the library at (609) 924-9529.

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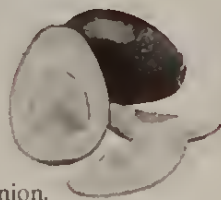
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Cut tomatoes in half. Remove seeds and pulp, leaving skin and meat attached; chop and add to the avocado mixture. Carefully remove all seeds from the hot peppers (the fewer seeds, the more mild the guacamole will be); add to mixture. The guacamole will be fairly mild, even with the Jalapeño peppers.

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A wildlife enthusiast, Ms. Speart will discuss *Blue Twilight*, the seventh book in her amateur sleuth murder mystery series. Her latest novel deals with poaching of rare butterflies along the northern California coastline.

Ms. Speart's protagonist, Rachel Porter, is a U.S. Fish and Wildlife agent, whose assignments and adventures allow the author to delve into endangered species issues, wildlife law enforcement, and the environment.

Ms. Speart began her writing career as an investigative reporter dealing with wildlife crime and the plight of the endangered species. Her articles have appeared in such publications as Audubon, and the New York Times Magazine.

Ms. Cameron now has four books in print featuring Emma Fielding, an archeologist amateur sleuth. The latest in the series, *A Fugitive Truth*, is set in the Berkshire foothills of Western Massachusetts, and uncovers 18th century witchcraft crimes.

A professional archeologist, Ms. Cameron began her mystery-writing career while on a pre-historic dig along the New England coast. She has professionally investigated



Author Dana Cameron

pre-historic and historical sites in the U.S. and Europe. She guest lectures on archeological investigative techniques at several New England-based universities and museums.

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9/11 Commission Report Author Speaks at Library

The 9/11 Commission's deputy executive director, Christopher Kojm, will speak in the community room of the Princeton Public Library on Wednesday, February 23, at 7:30 p.m., under the auspices of the Friends of the Princeton Public Library. The title of his talk is, "The Writing of the 9/11 Commission Report."

The events that we now refer to as 9/11 came as a great shock to the American people and to the world. President George W. Bush appointed a commission to investigate the tragedy after the relatives of those killed in

the attacks on September 11, 2001, mounted an intensive investigation. This talk provides an opportunity to learn how the commission and its staff assembled, analyzed, and drew conclusions from the information obtained from many sources and witnesses, and how they prepared a report that has been a highly acclaimed best seller.

Mr. Kojm will present an insider's look at the workings of the commission. He will highlight the process by which the commission members, drawn from a wide range of political backgrounds, came together under the leadership of former New Jersey Governor Thomas Kean and former Indiana Congressman Lee Hamilton, to deliberate in collegial fashion and produce a unanimous report.

Mr. Kojm received an MPA degree from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs in 1979, and is currently the John L. Weinberg/Goldman Sachs & Co. Visiting Professor of Public and International Affairs at the Woodrow Wilson School.

Jack Washington Speaks At U-Store Book Signing

Jack Washington, author of *The Long Journey Home: A Bicentennial History of the Black Community of Princeton, New Jersey 1776-1976*, will appear at the Princeton U-Store on Thursday, February 24, at 7 p.m.

The Long Journey Home recounts the history of the black community of Princeton. The book is a journey through the pages of history to rediscover a community's past. The struggles for religious, social and educational equality were

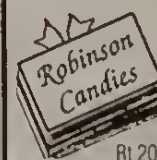
faced with determination by a fellowship grant from the proud community that stood African-American Studies Program at Princeton University history and witnessed the growth of a great nation as it stayed in the background. This book is an attempt to bring that history into the foreground to take its rightful place in the development of this nation.

Dr. Washington was awarded a three-year research

Block Community, 1890-1965.

Dr. Washington will be at the Princeton University Store, located at 36 University Place, just off Nassau Street in Princeton. The talk will take place in the third-floor events area. There is free parking directly across the street. For more information, call (609) 921-8500, ext. 238, or visit the U-Store website at www.pustore.com.

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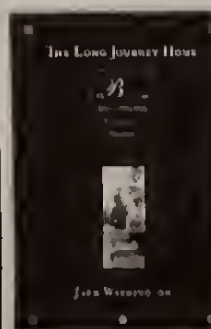
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MAILBOX

Expansion of University's E Quad Seen As Contrary to Princeton's Master Plan

Note: the following is a copy of a letter sent to the Borough Mayor and Borough Council.
To the Editor:

We were dismayed to learn last week that Borough Council is considering relaxing zoning standards to allow for a significant expansion of the Engineering School (E Quad) next to a vibrant residential neighborhood.

Taller buildings, increased density, and the greater proximity of huge buildings would lower the property values of residents who pay taxes; greatly decrease the quality of life for residents by blocking sunlight, increasing noise from large heating and air-conditioning units on top of buildings, and creating an ugly mass outside our back windows; put more traffic on our already busy street; and increase emissions from the laboratories, adversely affecting health and safety.

Fifteen years ago, this very scenario was prevented, to a large extent, when Borough Council, the Planning Board, and Murray Place area neighbors worked with the University to develop the E3 zoning that provided protection to the neighborhood but allowed for a significant expansion of the E Quad."

Our question now is: Why must this zoning be changed? Why is increased development needed and how does the Borough benefit from it? We hear talk among Council members of allowing for the relaxed standards in exchange for a greater monetary contribution in lieu of taxes from the

University. Why, though, must Murray Place be the pawn in that debate? The future of our neighborhood must be decided on its own merits and within Princeton's own master plan. That master plan 15 years ago called for putting a priority on protecting residential neighborhoods against large-scale development. We hope that the same principle applies today.

ANDREA and RICK STINE
Murray Place

"Project Shop Smart, Shop Princeton" Earns Education Foundation's Kudos

To the Editor:

The Princeton Education Foundation would like to thank all the shoppers, performers, and merchants for their participation in the first annual "Project Shop Smart, Shop Princeton."

Everyone's effort and generosity were much appreciated, and the community spirit added to the success of the event. We think that this collaboration between the Princeton Education Foundation, the Princeton Parent-Teacher Organization Council, and the Borough Merchants Association, which began the day after Thanksgiving and ended on Christmas Eve, was a wonderful success, and we look forward to joining the merchants in making this a yearly Princeton event. We would additionally like to thank Kathie Morolda, of Cranbury Station Gallery, and Anita Fresolone, Palmer Square Management, for all their hard work and enthusiasm.

Our special thanks to the participating enterprises: Go for Baroque, Steppin' Birkenstock Shoes, Bowhe and Peare, CG Gallery, Craft Cleaners, Cranbury Station Gallery, Giselle Dancewear, Nick Hilton Studio, Hulit's Shoes, Jazams, Kitchen Kapers, J. McLaughlin, Mehek Restaurant,

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Plentiful Suburban Food Supply Makes Killing of Deer a Sisyphean Exercise

To the Editor:

A few letter writers to Town Topics have said that we should continue killing deer in our backyards using rifles, captive bolt pistols, and arrows because there are no longer any natural predators.

We haven't had natural predators for 100 years. Yet the proliferation of deer has occurred only in the last 20 years. The reason for the deer proliferation isn't a lack of natural predators, but that overdevelopment and suburban sprawl over the past 20 years have provided ideal food and habitat for deer to browse and breed. Deer reproduce to accommodate the food supply, and mass slaughter of deer leaves plenty of food and space for the survivors to reproduce at an increased rate.

Rather than blaming deer proliferation on a lack of predators, we should accept the blame for not speaking up about overdevelopment and the cutting down of forests, which have also reduced bird populations while increasing the deer population.

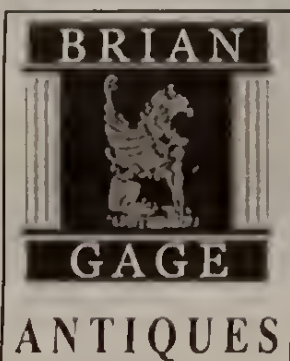
Deer reproduce themselves faster than we can kill them. Eliminating deer, without eliminating suburbia's huge food supply, is futile.

Rather than promoting more deer culling, suburbanites should be insisting on the implementation of nonlethal alternatives: immunocontraception, roadside wildlife warning reflectors, and community education about deer resistant landscaping.

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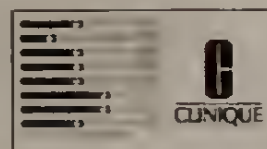
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12:30 to 1 p.m.: Free "After Noon" Concert; Princeton University Chapel.

6 to 9 p.m.: Community Dialogue, "Race Relations, Next Steps"; Suzanne Patterson Center. Call (609) 688-2055 for reservations.

8 p.m.: Lend Me a Tenor; George Street Playhouse, New Brunswick. Also Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m., Thursday at 2 p.m., Sunday at 2 and 7 p.m.

Thursday, February 17

12:15 p.m.: Westminster Conservatory Recital; Niles Chapel, Nassau Presbyterian Church.

7:30 p.m.: Regional Planning Board; Township Municipal Complex.

7:30 p.m.: Recital with Westminster Conservatory faculty trio Sonora Winds; Rider University Art Gallery, Bart Luedeke Center, Lawrenceville.

8 p.m.: Theatre Intime's A Chorus Line; Hamilton Murray Theatre, Murray-Dodge Hall. Also Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

8 p.m.: The Wiz; Mount-Burke Theater, Peddie School, Hightstown. Also Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

8 p.m.: Singers Lyle Lovett, John Hiatt, Joe Ely, and Guy Clark; McCarter Theatre.

8 p.m.: Passage Theatre's Rosemary and I; Mill Hill Playhouse, Trenton. Also Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 5 p.m.

8 p.m.: Hay Fever; Evan Black Box Theater, The College of New Jersey, Ewing. Also Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

10 p.m.: The Zookeepers rock band; Triumph Brewing Company, Nassau Street.

Friday, February 18

8:30 to 11:30 a.m.: Community Forum, "The Social, Legal, and Cultural Definitions of Marriage"; Conference Center, Mercer County Community College.

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8 p.m.: Harold Pinter's The Homecoming; Yvonne Theater, Rider University, Lawrenceville. Also Saturday at 8 p.m.

8 p.m.: The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: Singers Lyle Lovett, John Hiatt, Joe Ely, and Guy Clark; McCarter Theatre. Sold out.

8 p.m.: Ibsen @ Artworks; Gallery at Artworks, Trenton. Also Saturday at 8 p.m.

8 p.m.: Cuban jazz pianist Omar Sosa and his Quartet; Richardson Auditorium.

8 p.m.: Princeton University Program in Theater and Dance Spring Dance Festival; Berlind Theater. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 and 7 p.m.

8:15 p.m.: Atwater and Donnelly Folk Duo; Christ Congregation Church.

10:30 p.m.: The Tonemasters blues band; Triumph Brewing Company, Nassau Street.

Saturday, February 19

8 p.m.: Art Spiegelman; McCarter Theatre.

8 p.m.: Duke Ellington Orchestra; Richardson Auditorium.

8:30 p.m.: Advaita; Small World Coffee, 14 Witherspoon Street.

10:30 p.m.: The Blue Method soul band; Triumph Brewing Company, Nassau Street.

Sunday, February 20

4 p.m.: Westminster Conservatory Faculty Recital; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

6 p.m.: Nassau at Six Concert with Bill Carter and the Presbybop Quartet; Nassau Presbyterian Church.

Monday, February 21

Recycling Pickup

Tuesday, February 22

7:30 p.m.: Borough Council; Borough Hall.

8 p.m.: Prague Symphony Orchestra; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

Wednesday, February 23

Noon: Drumthwacket Tour. Every Wednesday. Reservation required; call (609) 683-0591.

12:30 to 1 p.m.: Free "After Noon" Concert; Princeton University Chapel.

4:30 p.m.: Reading, by short story writer Jhumpa Lahiri; James Stewart Theater, 185 Nassau Street.

7:30 p.m.: Township Zoning Board of Adjustment; Township Municipal Complex.

Thursday, February 24

4:30 p.m.: Lecture, "Landscape Painting in the Age of Imperialism," by Stephen F. Eisenman, Northwestern University; McCormick 101, Princeton University.

6:30 p.m.: Princeton Youth Council; Princeton Family YMCA.

7:30 p.m.: Lecture, "Chelation Therapy: The Secret for a Healthier Life"; CareOne, 599 Cranbury Road, East Brunswick.

8 p.m.: New Jersey Symphony Orchestra; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

8 p.m.: Passage Theatre's Rosemary and I; Mill Hill Playhouse, Trenton. Also Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 5 p.m.

10 p.m.: Jenn Stang rock band; Triumph Brewing Company, Nassau Street.

Friday, February 25

8 p.m.: Shen Wei Dance Arts; McCarter Theatre.

8 p.m.: New Jersey Symphony Orchestra; Patriots Theater at the War Memorial, Trenton.

8 p.m.: Organ Concert; Princeton University Chapel.

8 p.m.: Little by Little; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

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Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: Torme Sings Torme, with Steve March Torme; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

8 p.m.: Westminster Choir Midwinter Concert; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

8 p.m.: Theatre Intime's A Chorus Line; Hamilton Murray Theatre, Murray-Dodge Hall. Also Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

8 p.m.: Concert, Music of the South Caucasus; Wolfensohn Hall, Institute for Advanced Study. Also Saturday at 8 p.m.

8:15 p.m.: Dance Improv; Arts Council of Princeton.

10:30 p.m.: Rick Fink rock band; Triumph Brewing Company, Nassau Street.

Saturday, February 26

11 a.m.: Folk singer Dan Zanes; McCarter Theatre.

2 and 4 p.m.: Lyle, Lyle Crocodile; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College.

3 p.m. and 7 p.m.: Bill Cosby; State Theatre, New Brunswick. Sold Out.

4 to 6:30 p.m.: Black History Month Commemoration; Arts Council of Princeton.

7:30 p.m.: Benefit for Jewish Family and Children's Service of Greater Mercer Coun-

ty, with The Greaseband; Ballroom, War Memorial, Trenton. For tickets call (609) 987-8100.

8 p.m.: Eroica Trio; Mount-Burke Theater, Peddie School, Hightstown.

8 p.m.: Renaissance High School (Detroit) Varsity Chorus; Miller Chapel, Princeton Theological Seminary.

8 p.m.: Le Triomphe de L'Amour chamber ensemble; Unitarian Church.

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ART REVIEW

Use Your Imagination: The Other Side of the Ordinary

James A. Michener Art Museum

In *Middlemarch*, George Eliot writes that "if we had a keen vision of all that is ordinary in human life, it would be like hearing the grass grow or the squirrel's heart beat, and we should die of that roar which is the other side of silence."

The Holocaust is the roar on the other side of the silence pictured in the exhibit of Michael Kenna's stark black and white photographs, "Impossible to Forget: The Nazi Camps Fifty Years After," on display at the Michener museum's Wachovia Gallery through April 10. These images represent Kenna's "keen vision" of the remains of camps in Germany, Austria, Poland, the Czech Republic, Belgium, France, and Italy during the last decade of the previous century.

When language runs into the wall of a subject this daunting you get phrases like those used in the museum's press release: "powerful and moving," "inexpressible suffering," "haunting emptiness," "expressive landscapes." The trouble with clichéd language is that the more often you see a subject treated in those terms, the more likely you are to take it for granted. Attempt to express the inexpressible too often and it ruins perception. Kenna does not need to attach overwrought descriptive titles to his images. The names of the camps are enough: Birkenau, Dachau, Buchenwald, Auschwitz, Treblinka, among others. The only photos he suggests readings for are *Quarry Steps (Death Staircase)* and *SS Guard House (Death Gate)*.

What these photographs are saying is "Look, reflect, comprehend as best you can, it's up to you: use your imagination." What we see forces us to acknowledge the reality of our own complicity and our instinct for denial, like a mechanism that clicks on as soon as we get too near to the mere echo of the roar on the other side of these images. This vision of what was left behind also makes us aware of aspects of ordinary, everyday life we take for granted: the shoes we wear, the lenses we see through, the

suitcases we pack for trips we have the freedom to take rather than one-way journeys forced upon us.

The "expressive landscapes" mentioned in the press release are not confined to images of brooding skies and abandoned railroad tracks. There are jumbled multitudes of personal effects that achieve the scope of landscapes. Like the photograph showing masses of pillaged suitcases chalked with the names of the owners, names you may recognize, names like Paul and Irene, or the last name of your best friend, which also happens to be the last name of a family living across the street from you.

Here's a landscape of shoes, masses of footwear from the victims at Lublin-Majdanek. Here's a tangled, prodigious chaos of eyeglasses taken from the victims at Auschwitz. The pictures of these personal effects, at once still-lives and landscapes, make you wary of using the terminology of art even as you use it. In

the same way, you become uneasily aware of the ironic resonance the word "camp" takes on in this week's issue, with its special supplement on summer camps for children. But the inadvertent association of an abomination with so complacently accepted a seasonal routine is one of the undeniable connections images like this force us to comprehend. The

reality of the violated "ordinary lives" on the other side of these masses of personal effects is mass murder. Why else preserve all this evidence? To speak of the "inexpressible" is too easy. Respond too expressively and you seem to be exploiting the Holocaust. But it's hard not to say more, hard to resist searching for potent analogies, if only as a way of confronting the extent of the atrocity through a sort of creative denial.



Those complex visions of shoes and eyeglasses and suitcases reminded me of the aerial photographs of Princeton professor of visual arts Emmet Gowin's "Changing the Earth," a photography exhibit at the Michener reviewed in these pages last spring. Gowin offers another sort of perspective, one that suggests a different form of creative denial by leaving the evidence of human evil far below. Auschwitz in a Gowin photograph would be an insignificant blotch on the landscape, one element in a diagram, devoid of any significance beyond its formal position in the pattern.

An Empty Stroller

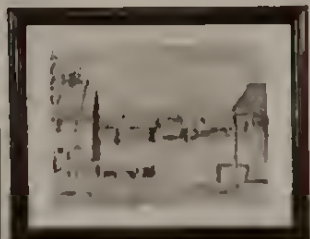
This exhibit challenges the ordinary museumgoing experience, with its stereotypes of response and the decorum governing the way one moves from work to work

as an observer. You can't call it a "show" as you ordinarily would. Art exhibits offer more sophisticated forms of escape than do movies or thrillers or romances. But what are we escaping from? That word again: so-called ordinary life. This is anything but an escape, however. No one is likely to speak of "beauty" here or to expatiate learnedly on the photographer's technique. People are not shocked so much as sobered. Strangers seem more likely to speak to one another, and it won't be small talk. There is a communal sense of awe. An older gentleman you might not have paid much attention to in any other context attracts your interest here because he has the look of a survivor, or perhaps he's the relative of someone who did not survive, someone whose personal effects might be in one of those heaps of shoes, suitcases, and eyeglasses.

Here's one example of the way an exhibit like this generates its own atmosphere of significance. While I was staring at the photograph of suitcases, I heard a child crying and looked toward the sound. In the middle of the room was an empty stroller. I never actually saw the infant. What more ordinary object than a stroller, empty or otherwise? But in that room, an empty stroller and the sound of the unseen child crying became part of the exhibit. In its own way, the abandoned object suggested the same "haunting emptiness" the press release attributed to the photographs. Use your imagination and an empty stroller could be in one of the pictures on the wall. There was no room for such luxuries as baby carriages on the trains to the camps. But if strollers had been a fact of ordinary life then, as now, when the victims were first routed from their homes and marched down the streets of Krakow or Warsaw, you'd have had parents pushing infants in strollers. It's also not impossible that this particular crying infant was responding to the aura of gloom filling the gallery, as if the pulse of evil was still alive in there, and just a hint of the roar on the other side of silence.

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Artists Get Connected At West Windsor Event

The West Windsor Arts Council (WWAC) has announced that it will host its third Arts ConneXion event, an evening of jamming and performing by local artists eager to share their talents and step onto the stage. An adjoining exhibition space will also be set up as a venue for display of visual art, original books, CDs, brochures, and other arts-related materials. Musicians, dancers, poets, actors, visual artists, and art lovers are encouraged to gather for this special time of creativity, convivial company, and good food. The event had been planned for a January date, but was cancelled due to the recent snowstorm.

"The Arts ConneXion" will now be held Saturday, February 26, at Kickstart Mailing Services Annex, at 745 Alexander Road, near Roszel and Alexander roads, in West Windsor, from 6:30 to 11 p.m. Admission will be free for WWAC members (membership \$15/single or \$25/family) but there will be a \$5 entrance fee for non-members. Complimentary refreshments will be served. Refreshments will include offerings from various local restaurants and the event will be BYOB.

Visual and performing artists of all ages, from young to old, are encouraged to perform or display selections of their work. Possible offerings can include paintings, poetry, singing, sculpture, music, and improvisation.

Refreshments and socializing will begin at 6:30 p.m., when a sign-up sheet for performers will become available. The performance segment will start at 7:30 p.m. Because performance time will be limited and assigned on a first come first served basis, pre-registration is suggested by e-mailing director@westwindsonarts.org or by calling (609) 919-1982.

Indicate the number of people performing, the type of performance, and the type of technical support required.

Visual artists may display one work of art by bringing it to the Arts ConneXion space on Friday, February 25 between 2 and 5 p.m. or Saturday, February 26, between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Two-dimensional work must be ready to hang and no larger than 30"x40." Three-dimensional work must have a base or pedestal, be movable by two people and be no larger than 6'Hx2'Dx3'W. All artworks will be accepted if requirements for display are met.

For more information, call the above telephone contact or visit <http://www.westwindsonarts.org>.

Contemporary Sculpture Coming to Rider Gallery

An exhibition featuring the work of noted contemporary sculptor Isaac Witkin titled, "Isaac Witkin, Out of the Crucible: Images Born of Fire & Water," will come to the Rider University Art Gallery on Thursday, March 3 and show through Sunday, April 10.

On March 3, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., an opening reception will take place at the Gallery, located on the top floor of the Bart Luedeke Center on Rider's Lawrenceville campus. Witkin will give a talk about his work on Thursday, March 10 at 7 p.m. in Sweigart Hall Auditorium. Both the reception and talk are free and open to the public.

As a sculptor, Witkin incorporates traditional materials while experimenting with various techniques. Born in Johannesburg, South Africa, he studied art education at the St. Martin's School in England. Witkin made a name for himself, while still a student, as a member of London's "New Generation."

These sculptors were known for their innovative approach to abstract volume, new materials, and bold use of color. He later became the assistant to the well-known British sculptor Henry Moore. Subsequently, Witkin moved to the United States and has continued to experiment with dynamic, new approaches to form and space.

From 1965 to 1979, Witkin served as an Artist in Residence at Bennington College in Vermont. Known for his bold formal constructivist steel pieces from the 1960s, he expanded his sculptural base with explorations of experimental foundry techniques. In 1997, he was commissioned by Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton to create "Garden State," a monumental work of Zimbabwe black granite installed on a prominent site in the sculpture park.

Over the years, Witkin has taught at such institutions as the Parsons School of Design, Middlebury College, and Burlington County Community College. His work has appeared in numerous one-person and group exhibitions at such places as the Locks Gallery, Philadelphia; Walker Hill Art Center, Seoul; Marlborough Gallery, N.Y.; Hirsch & Adler Modern, Manhattan; Robert Elkon Gallery, Manhattan; and Waddington Gallery, London. His work is also included in numerous private and public collections such as the Delaware Art Museum, Wilmington, Del.; Fine Arts Museum, University of Sydney, Australia; Tate Gallery, London; Carnegie Institute, Pittsburgh; Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston; Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.; and Hirschhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington, D.C. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. For further information, call (609) 895-5588.



A FEAST FOR THE EYES: Works by late artists Michael (above) and Peggy Lewis will be on display at the Atrio Cafe at 515 Bridge Street in Stockton through March. The Lewises have made an impact on the New Hope/Lambertville arts scene for virtually 40 years, starting in the early 1950s when they moved their gallery, The Peggy Lewis Gallery, from Manhattan's Greenwich Village to New Hope. For more information on the Atrio show, call (215) 348-3312.



"NOMADIC ON THE FIELD": Pastels and calligraphy by Jack Liang will be celebrated this Saturday, February 19, with a public reception from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Plainsboro Public Library at the Plainsboro Municipal Complex at 641 Plainsboro Road. The show, which will be on display through February 28, will examine Liang's award-winning recent works in pastel and his non-traditional Chinese calligraphy. Library hours are Monday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Tuesday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (609) 275-2897 or visit <http://www.Lmxac.org/plainsboro>.



"THE RED BOAT": This collograph and linoleum piece by artist Selma Bortner is featured in a new show at the Bernstein Gallery in Robertson Hall at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs on the Princeton University campus. The exhibit, "Works on Paper," will show through March 3. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (609) 258-5566.

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This painting has been generously lent to the art museum for the duration of the exhibition *Monet's Garden in Zurich*, to which the museum has lent Monet's *Wako Lilies* and *Japanese Bridge* (1899). The Hodler painting is the subject of a lecture by Stephen Eisenman on February 24.

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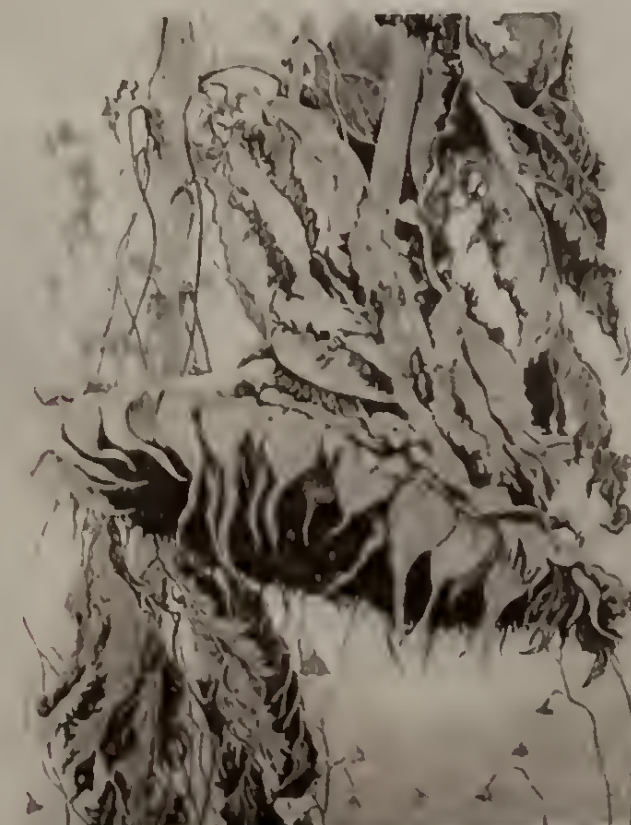
The Arts Council of Princeton is preparing to publish its seventeenth edition of *Under Age: An Anthology of Poetry, Prose, and Artwork by Students in Grades K through 12*. The Arts Council urges teachers, parents, and school administrators to encourage students to submit their most creative works of literature and art. Submissions in both English and Spanish will be accepted, with a maximum of 700 words. Illustrations must be in black and white and no larger than 8.5 by 11 inches.

Those students whose work is chosen for publication will be invited to read or exhibit their artwork at a publication party on Wednesday, June 8, at the Princeton Public Library.

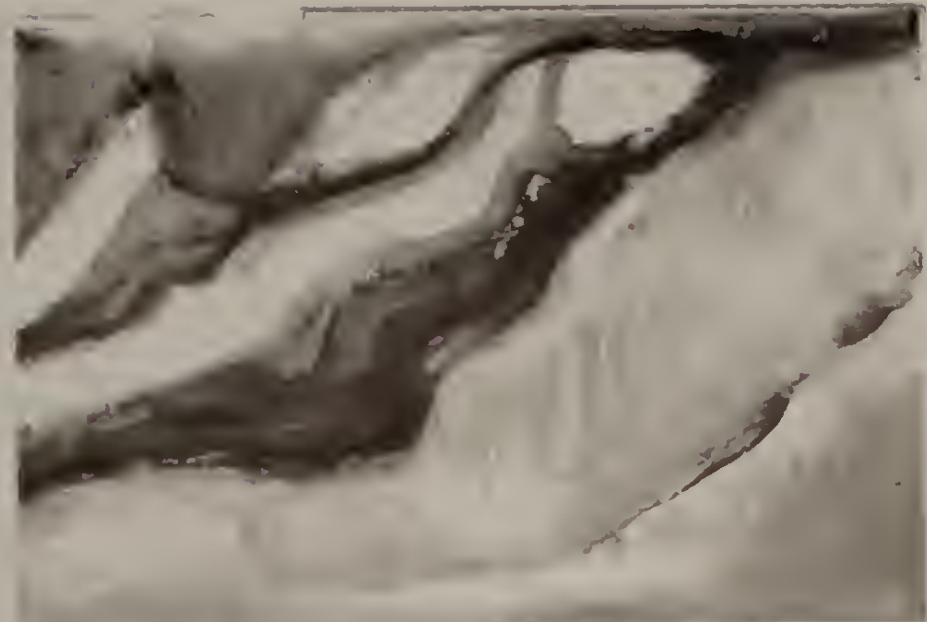
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All submissions must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 18. No late entries will be accepted. For more information on *Under Age*, contact the Arts Council at (609) 924-8777 visit www.artscouncilofprinceton.org.



"SUMMER REMEMBRANCE": This Joanne Augustine watercolor won the Virginia K. Millham Memorial Award in the 25th Annual Juried Art Exhibition sponsored by the Lambertville Historical Society and the Coryell Gallery. Awards were presented to 16 artists at the opening reception for the exhibit that will run at the Coryell at 8 Coryell Street in Lambertville through March 20. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call (609) 397-0804.



"NATURAL WONDERS": Through watercolors and pastels, artist Diane Santarella explores the scenes of the Bucks County countryside and the hills and mesas of New Mexico in her new exhibit, "Natural Wonders," at the Peggy Lewis Gallery in Lambertville.

"Natural Wonders" Abound In New Lambertville Show

In her new show at the Peggy Lewis Gallery in Lambertville, Diane Santarella was inspired by the Bucks County countryside and the hills and mesas of New Mexico. "Natural Wonders" uses watercolors and pastels to convey landscapes and still lifes that move between representational and abstract styles.

Calling the works in the show "sensual pieces" and "poems of color and light," Santarella's technique starts with an undiluted watercolor, which he then blends on paper rather than a palette to get the depth and light of the watercolor. "You get an intensity available in an opaque medium with this system."

The exhibit will be on view through March 5. The Peggy Lewis Gallery is located at the Lambertville Public Library, 6 Lily Street, on the second floor. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., Friday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (609) 397-0275.

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MUSIC AND THEATER

NJSO Concert to Feature Concerto for Left Hand

The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra will present a concert at 8 p.m. on Friday, March 11 at Richardson Auditorium featuring a unique piano concerto written solely for the left hand, Prokofiev's Piano Concerto No. 4. Commissioned in 1931 by Paul Wittgenstein, a pianist who had lost his right arm in World War I, the technically difficult concerto was not heard until September 1956, three years after the composer's death, when Siegfried Rapp, who had also lost his right arm in combat, premiered it in West Berlin.

Rounding out the NJSO program will be Mendelssohn's *Fingal's Cave* and Brahms' *Serenade No. 1*.

The piano soloist will be Gary Graffman. Mr. Graffman has been a major figure in the music world since winning the Leventritt Award in 1949. For the next three decades he toured almost continuously, playing the most demanding works in the piano literature both in recital and with the world's great orchestras. In 1979, his performing career was curtailed by an injury to his right hand. His performances are now limited to the small repertoire of concertos written for the left hand alone. He joined the piano faculty of the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia in 1980 and became its president in 1995. His last performance with the NJSO was during the 1977-78 season.

The guest conductor will be Keri-Lynn Wilson, who has conducted symphony orchestras throughout the world. A native of Winnipeg, Canada, she is a past recipient of the Bruno Walter Fellowship and Conducting Fellow at the Tangilewood Music Center. She last led the NJSO in the 2002-03 season.

The NJSO program will also be presented on Thursday, March 10 at BergenPAC in Englewood, at 8 p.m.; Saturday, March 12 at the Count Basie Theatre in Red Bank at 8 p.m.; Sunday, March 13 at The Community Theatre in Morristown at 3 p.m.; and Tuesday, March 15 at NJPAC in Newark at 1:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$58, \$47, \$32, \$25, and \$18, and may be ordered by calling (800) 255-3476, Monday through Saturday between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

State Theatre to Offer Mexican Folk Singers

A leading Mexican folk group from Chicago, Sones de México, will perform in concert for one night only on Wednesday, March 9 at 8 p.m. at the State Theatre in New Brunswick. All tickets are \$10.

The group was formed by director Victor Pichardo, former leader of Mexico's son ensemble Zazhil. The ensemble specializes in son, a lively Mexican music tradition and its many regional styles, including huapango, gustos, chilenas, son jarocho, and the roots of mariachi music. It

DRESDEN BOUND: Seventy-one members of the Princeton High School Choir will leave this Sunday, February 20, for their European performance tour in Dresden and Prague. In Dresden, the choir will combine with the Primaner Choir from Berlin and the orchestra from the Saxony School for Music at the Lukaskirche. The concert in Prague will also be a joint concert, with the choir from the Jan Neruda School for the Arts and the orchestra from Charles University at Smetana Hall, an Art Nouveau concert hall which is the home of the Czech Philharmonic. Under the direction of Charles Sundquist, the Choir will perform works by Brahms and Beethoven along with American folksongs and spirituals.

uses more than 25 folk string, percussion, and wind instruments to accompany its four-part vocal arrangements and acrobatic dance demonstrations, in the process recreating the atmosphere of a traditional fandango, or dance fiesta, where the upbeat sones are played and danced until sunrise.

The ensemble's members include René Cardoza, Juan Dies, percussionist Raúl Fernández, Renato Cerón, and Herro Contreras.

Over the past seven years, Sones de México has established itself as a leading Mexican folk music group, expanding its performing radius to 12 states. The ensemble's work has included concerts, studio work, film scoring, educational programs, live accompaniment of Mexican folkloric ballets, and a collaboration with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

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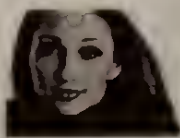
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Program of New Music Scheduled at Institute

Music of the South Caucasus will be the next event in the Institute for Advanced Study's concert season, February 25 and 26 at 8 p.m. in the Institute's Wolfensohn Hall. The concert will be performed by Continuum, an ensemble co-directed by Joel Sachs and Cheryl Seltzer, and will be accompanied by a lecture by Mr. Sachs titled "The Musical World of the South Caucasus" on February 25 at 4 p.m. in the West Building Lecture Hall.

On February 26 at 6:30 p.m. in Wolfensohn Hall, Mr. Sachs and Ms. Seltzer will join Institute Artist-in-Residence Jon Magnussen for a discussion of the works on the concert program.

The program will include Franghiz Ali-Zadeh's *Asheron Quintet* for piano and string quartet; Alexander Aslamazov's *Nopyev* ("Melody") for clarinet solo; Olez Felzer's *Vestige*, for violin, clarinet, and piano; Giya Kancheli's *Psalm 23*, for soprano, alto flute, viola, cello, double bass, synthesizer, and tape; Faradz Karayev's *Postludio II*, for piano, double bass, and string quartet; Sulkhan Nasidze's *Four Improvisations* for violin and piano; and Suren Zakarian's *In Stotu noscendi, Seven Miniatures for String Quartet*, in its U.S. premiere.

"This colorful music from the crossroads of Europe, Asia, and the Middle East reflects an increasingly common phenomenon in music — the cross-pollination between world musical cultures," said Mr. Magnussen. "While this music clearly has a strong link to western classical music traditions, at times one also hears distinctly non-European sounds from these instruments, creating a sense of spirituality not readily found in the west."

Now in its 39th season, Continuum embodies the philosophy that new music and older music form an unbroken tradition. Aiming to expand the audience for recent music, the ensemble has performed throughout the United States, including appearances at the Kennedy Center and Library of Congress. It has also toured in Europe, Asia, and Latin America.

Mr. Sachs, a conductor and pianist, is the founder and conductor of the New Juilliard Ensemble, a chamber orchestra for new music. He has performed, and held residencies, in Central and South America, the Near East, Azerbaijan, Mongolia, and Uzbekistan, and has conducted at major European and American festivals.

Ms. Seltzer, a pianist and

co-founder of Continuum, debuted with the San Francisco Symphony. She is on the faculty of the Lucy Moses School for Music and Dance.

Concert tickets are free but must be reserved; no tickets are necessary for the talks. For ticket information, call (609) 734-8228.

Chamber Trio to Perform At Steinway Musicale

Pianist Tomoko Kanamaru, violinist Ruatao Mao, and cellist Mikyung Lee will perform a program of music by Beethoven and Mendelssohn at the next Steinway Society Musicale on Sunday, March 6 at 4 p.m. The recital will take place in the Recital Hall of Jacobs Music, 2540 Brunswick Pike, Lawrenceville.

The program will feature works for cello-piano duo, violin-piano duo, and trio.

Admission will be \$15, or \$8 for full-time students. Ms. Kanamaru has performed as a soloist with orchestras in Tokyo, the U.S., Europe, Canada, and Japan since the age of nine. The Corpus Christi International Competition chose Ms. Kanamaru twice for their Best Accompanist Award. She holds a bachelor's and a master's degree from Musashino Academia Musicae in Tokyo, and an Advanced Certificate in Piano Performance from the Juilliard School. She is currently an assistant professor and coordinator of keyboard studies at the College of New Jersey.

Mr. Mao, a native of Beijing, China, graduated from the New England Conservatory of Music with the Distinction in Performance award. He earned his master's degree in music from the Mason Gross School of the Arts. A founding member of the Beijing Piano Quartet and the Amabile String Quartet, he has appeared as soloist and concertmaster with many orchestras in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. He is currently a violin and viola instructor at The College of New Jersey.

Ms. Lee, a native of Seoul, Korea, began cello studies at the age of nine and won national competitions in Korea. She entered the Juilliard School in 1981, where she won the concerto competition and played at Alice Tully Hall. As a soloist, she has appeared with the Korean Symphony, Seoul Symphony, the Korean Chamber Orchestra of New York and Seoul Academy Symphony Orchestra. She is currently a member of the Amabile String Quartet.

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Chamber Group Recital Set at Rider Art Gallery

Sonora Winds, a Westminster Conservatory faculty trio consisting of flute, clarinet, and bassoon, will present a recital of chamber music tomorrow, February 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Rider University Art Gallery, Lawrenceville.

The Sonora Winds members are Kevin Willois, flute; Kenneth Ellison, clarinet; and Ivy Haga, bassoon. The recital will take place within the surroundings of the current art exhibit, *Landscape: Point/Pixel*, which features landscape images by Philadelphia-based artist Diane Burko. The exhibition runs through February 25.

The recital, which is free and open to the public, is the first of a projected series of Gallery concerts representing a joint effort between Rider University Art Gallery Director Harry J. Naar and Westminster Conservatory, the community music school of Westminster Choir College. Future concerts will take place in the fall and spring semesters of the academic year, concurrent with gallery exhibits.

The February 17 program will include the Trio in F by Andre F. Eler, the Sonotino, opus 7 by Jergen Bentzon, Ludwig van Beethoven's Variations on *Lo ci daren lo mono* from Mozart's *Don Giovanni*, and the *Habenera* from Aries Tropicoles by Paquito D'Rivera.

Mr. Willois received a bachelor's degree in music from Mason Gross School of Arts of Rutgers University, where he has also completed a master's degree. He has served as the principal flutist of the Rutgers Orchestra and SummerFest Orchestra. For 20 years, he has also performed and recorded with rhythm and blues groups.

Mr. Ellison has performed with the Manhattan Chamber Orchestra, the Riverside Sinfonia, and the Greenville Symphony. Currently a candidate in the doctor of musical arts program at Rutgers University, he is a member of the Princeton Symphony woodwind trio for the Bravo! Program.

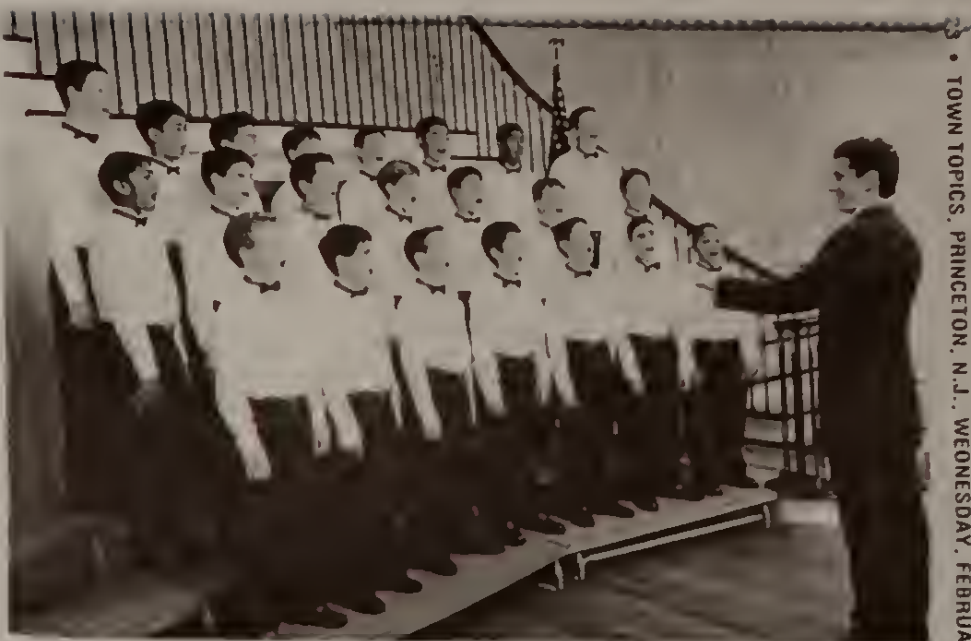
Ms. Haga has performed with the Artemis Chamber Ensemble, Red Bank Chamber Music Society, and BassMasters Bassoon Ensemble of Richmond, Va. She is also a member of the Bravo! woodwind trio, and teaches at the Lawrenceville School and the Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey. She earned a master of music degree at Rutgers and a bachelor's degree in music at Virginia Commonwealth University.

The Rider University Art Gallery is located on the top floor of the Bart Luedeke Center.

Argentine Dance Musical Will Visit State Theatre

The tango dance company Tango Pasión will appear at New Brunswick's State Theatre for one night only at 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 5 with a new show, *Mario de Buenos Aires*, based on the opera by Astor Piazzolla. Joining the company will be the Latin Grammy Award-winning Sexteto Mayor Orchestra.

An Argentine dance musical, *Mario de Buenos Aires* is produced and directed by Mel Howard and choreographed by Hector Zaraspe. Performers include Monica Romero, Omar Ocampo, Claudia Diaz, Alberto Morra, Graciela Garcia, Osvaldo Ciliento, Viviana



HEADED FOR THE OSCARS: The world will be the stage for The Princeton-based American Boychoir when it performs with pop singer Beyoncé during the 77th Annual Academy Awards Ceremony in Los Angeles on February 27. The Choir, shown rehearsing with director Fernando Malvor-Ruiz, will sing "Look to Your Path" from the soundtrack of "Les Choristes." Both the song and the film earned Oscar nods in the categories of Best Song and Best Foreign Film. The Boychoir is seeking funds to help defray the cost of the trip to Hollywood; those interested in contributing are asked to call (609) 924-5858, ext. 12.

Fortino, Omar Mazzei, Viviana Laguzzi, Juan Corvalan, Graciela Calo, Claudio Orso, Guillermo Galvé, and Vanesa Quiroz.

The musical brings to life the story of Maria, a femme fatale who wanders through the smoky bars of Argentina at the beginning of the last century looking for the brief love encounters that the Tangos and Milongos express.

Tango Pasión has entertained audiences in more than

30 countries, performing on such stages as the Philharmonie in Cologne, the Lyric Theatre in London, the Deutsche opera in Berlin, the Palais des Beaux-Arts in Brussels, the Ranacher in Vienna, and the Longacre Theatre on Broadway.

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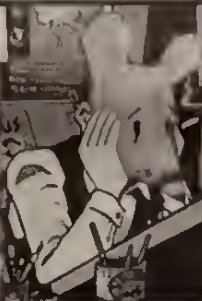
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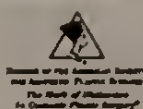
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PASSAGE PERFORMER: Trenton's Passage Theatre will present the singer-humorist Christine Lavin for one night only on Saturday, March 5 at 8 p.m., at the Mill Hill Playhouse. Called "the Mark Twain of the 21st century," Ms. Lavin sings, tells stories, twirls her baton, and knits, all the while finding humor in our ordinary lives. Tickets are \$20 for general admission, \$16 for members, and may be ordered by calling (609) 392-0766.

Students, Alumni, Faculty On Rider Dance Program

Members of Rider University's dance program will be featured in an afternoon of dance in *Rider Dances* on Sunday, March 6 at 3 p.m. at The Yvonne Theater on the University's Lawrenceville campus. Rider dance majors and minors will perform with alumni, faculty, Westminster Choir College students, and guest artists Douglas Martin and Mary Barton, teachers at the Princeton Ballet School.

"The afternoon will showcase the talents of individuals in Rider's dance program," said Dr. Kim Chandler Vaccaro, director. "Many people are not aware of our program, since our classes are held off-site at American Repertory Ballet's Princeton Ballet School. We are thrilled to have two of the area's foremost ballet artists, Mary Barton and Douglas Martin, work with our students. This is the first of what we hope will be an annual Rider event partnering students and community members."

Ms. Barton received her training at the Washington School of Ballet and participated in summer courses at The School of American Ballet and The Joffrey Ballet School. She joined Dayton Ballet in 1981 and performed many of the company's leading roles before leaving to join the Joffrey II Dancers in 1986. She has been on the teaching staff at the Princeton Ballet for 10 years.

Mr. Martin started his ballet training with Dimitri Romanoff at the San Jose Ballet School and continued as a scholarship student at American Ballet Theater School. He joined the Joffrey II Dancers in 1982 and was promoted to the Joffrey Ballet in 1984. A faculty member at Princeton Ballet since 1994, he also teaches at Rutgers University's Mason Gross School of Dance and Westminster Choir College.

The program will also include Dr. Vaccaro; honors students Anne Nendza '05 and Jen Gladney '06; PBS faculty member Ranjit Arapurakal; and alumnus Fred Patak '04.

There are currently 50 dance majors and minors in the Rider University Dance/Princeton Ballet School Dance Program. Students must complete courses in the history of dance, music, visual art and theater; introductory courses in dance and music theory; and a series of studio courses in ballet, jazz, modern, world dance, pilates, and choreography, among others. The partnership with the Princeton Ballet School enables students to study with conservatory level faculty while receiving a liberal arts education.

Tickets are \$10 for the public, \$5 for students, staff, faculty, and senior citizens, and will be available at the door on March 6.

Comedy Set in Dark Ages Implies Nothing Is Sacred

Incorruptible, a light comedy about the Dark Ages set in a 13th century monastery, is headed for Mercer County Community College's Kelsey Theatre in March. Presented by Like 40 Productions, the farce about religion in medieval times will be given six performances — on Fridays and Saturdays, March 4, 5, 11, and 12 at 8 p.m., and Sundays, March 6 and 13, at 2 p.m. An opening night reception will follow the March 4 show.

The play's ragtag group of monks is in a desperate state, with serious money troubles. The enshrined skeleton of the monastery's patron has not

worked a miracle in 13 years. Without miracles, the abbey is no longer a popular pilgrim destination, which means fewer donations. All seems lost until a cunning one-eyed minstrel suggests an outrageous new way to pay old debts. Michael Hollinger's 1996 comedy has been applauded as a satire rich in both verbal and physical humor.

The cast includes Glen Calhoun of Robbinsville, Doug Edelson of Trenton, Mark Flicker of Yardley, David Maurio of Bordentown, Dan Spalluto of Hamilton, Melissa Abrahams of Cream Ridge, Joyce LaBriola of Plainsboro, and M. Kitty Getlik of Hamilton. It will be directed by Brian Bara of Levittown, Pa.

Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors, students, and children. To order, visit www.kelseyatmccc.org or call (609) 584-9444.

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Those wishing to be placed on a waiting list are asked to call the Theatre's box office at (732) 246-7469 or (877) STATE-11.

The 8 p.m. program, led by music director Lan Shul, will include Mendelssohn's *Overture to Ruy Blas*; Chen Yi's *Ballad, Dance and Fantasy for Cello and Orchestra*; and Strauss's *Don Juan and Suite from Der Rosenkavalier*.



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'This Is Princeton' Event To Aid Youth Arts Program

Princeton University will host its second annual "This Is Princeton" fund-raiser tomorrow, February 17, at 8 p.m. at Richardson Auditorium. Designed to expose local residents to the rich arts culture on campus, the event will showcase University talent — with performances by Princeton students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

The evening will also feature readings by Pulitzer Prize-winning poet C.K. Williams and Grammy-nominee Sean Wilentz. The show will incorporate a variety of performances, including a cappella, spoken word, stand-up comedy, Indian dance, and a photographic slide show set to music.

"How many places are there where, in one gala event, you can listen to Pulitzer Prize-winning authors read from their works, hear original musical compositions and pieces from the jazz, operatic, and classical repertoires, see modern and traditional dance, and be entertained by a stand-up comedian, all performed by members of the same community?" asked University President Shirley Tilghman recently in an e-mail to undergraduates. "There probably aren't very many, but one of them is Princeton."

Thomas Dunne, associate dean of undergraduate students, has provided key administrative support for the student-organized event. He

explained why the event has been so successful, adding that "it is inspiring to see members of the community display talent outside their primary identities on campus."

The event was conceived last year by the Student Groups Projects Board, an arm of the Undergraduate Student Government responsible for funding campus organizations. The group meets weekly to hear requests from student groups for funding grants. It was during one of these meetings that Board members recognized the wide variety of different performance groups on campus and decided to organize an event to showcase them.

All proceeds from the event will go to support the Community House, a University-run community service program that serves the needs of Princeton-area residents. Tickets are \$10 for non-University students, and additional donations will be accepted at the door. The funds will go to support summer programs for students interested in the arts but without the financial resources to pay for professional training.

The organizers of 'This Is Princeton' are also setting aside a number of free tickets to distribute to local schoolchildren. Price of admission for the event is \$6 for University students, and \$10 for all others; tickets available on www.princeton.edu/~utickets. For more information, call (973) 769-6912.

Dance Project to Salute Women's History Month

Following up on its successful debut a year ago, the "I'll have what she's having ..." Dance Project, a dance cooperative of New Jersey women choreographers, will return for a two day engagement of new choreography on Saturday, March 12, at 8 p.m., and Sunday, March 13, at 2 p.m., at Rider University's Yvonne Theater in Lawrenceville.

The Sunday performance will be followed by an open discussion with the artists.

Tickets are \$15 for general admission, \$5 for students and seniors.

The program, apropos for Women's History Month, will celebrate the imaginative works of women dance makers. The concept for the program was initiated by Christine Colosimo, Director of the Dance Department at the Princeton YWCA, the event's principal sponsor. The other returning artists and co-founders showing new works will be Marie Alonzo, who danced as a member of HT Chen & Dancers; and Susan Tenney, artistic director of Susan Tenney & Company.

New participating artists will include Laurie Abramson, Liliana Attar, JoAnna Hopkins, Gloria McClean, Kiran Paek, Joy Sayen, and Mikyung Song.

Ms. Alonzo will present a new quartet for three women and one man, Socroe Vioe (Sacred Paths), a choreographic tribute to the unknown individuals who have served their country with honor and courage, and the families they have left behind.

Ms. Attar will present *The Moke Over*, with a script by Sonya Aronowitz and narrated by Samar El-Zein Hamati and Jacqueline Jones. The dance will be performed by Ms. Attar with her daughter Nicole Attar, to music by Rolf Lovland.

Ms. Colosimo will present *Sotori*, a collaborative work with original score by Ron



MURDER ON THEIR MINDS: It's a dark and stormy night, of course, when a theatrical troupe stranded by a snow storm at a wealthy patron's home encounters a series of strange and comic events. A whodunit offering suspense, intrigue, and laughter, "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940" arrives this Friday, February 18 for a two-weekend run at Mercer County Community College's Kelsey Theatre. The cast members shown, from left, are A Mysterious Stranger, Jack Bathke, Pamela Simancik, John Devennie, Ruth Rittmann, Rupert Hinton, Laura Beth Ettenger, Luddy Iezzo, and Jennifer Barron. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and students; to order, call (609) 584-9444.

Mazurek featuring clarinetist Murray Colosimo, the choreographer's father, and electronic dance by Lisa Naguel.

Ms. Hopkins will present a new modern jazz solo with live music played by pianist Tara Buzash.

Ms. Sayen will present *Skeleton Woman*, based on an Inuit story of the same name, featuring two dancers and a storyteller.

Ms. Song will present a solo titled *Waiting*, with music by Astor Piazzolla. Ms. Tenney will present a duet about middle age new found love with music by Vivaldi.

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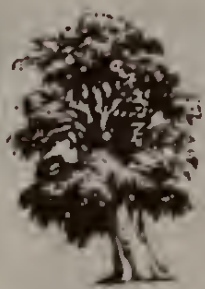
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Passage Theatre Slates Humorist Christine Lavin

The singer-songwriter-comedienne Christine Lavin will return to Passage Theatre for an evening of "full-service entertainment" on Saturday, March 5 at 8 p.m. The one-night-only program of songs, comedy, story-telling, baton-twirling, knitting, and other surprises will be at the Mill Hill Playhouse.

Called "the Mark Twain of the 21st century," Ms. Lavin finds humor in ordinary lives. Her 15 solo albums have covered everything from love affairs to politics and the perils of going gray.

Ms. Lavin tours in concert almost 52 weeks of the year in the United States, Canada, and abroad. She has appeared on ABC's Good Morning America, NBC's The Today Show, CBS's Sunday Morning, and NPR's Weekend Edition. Currently the guest host of Sunday Breakfast on WFUV

public radio in New York, she is the winner of two New York Music Awards, five ASCAP Composer Awards, and the Kate Wolf Memorial Award. Her songs include Good Thing He Can't Read My Mind from Sex, The Musical, and Sensitive New Age Guys from My Name Will Always Be Alice.

Tickets are \$20 for general admission, \$16 for members, and may be ordered by calling (609) 392-0766. The Mill Hill Playhouse is located at the intersection of Front and Montgomery Streets.

"Sweeney Todd" Auditions Set by Princeton Festival

The Princeton Festival has announced that it will hold chorus auditions in March for its July production of Stephen Sondheim's Sweeney Todd. Audition dates will be Saturday, March 12 and Wednesday, March 16; an accompanist will be provided.

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African dance and storytelling will meet African-American film at the Black History Month Commemoration at the Arts Council of Princeton on Saturday, February 26, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. The free program will include a reception with refreshments.

The Commemoration will begin in the Arts Council's Small Dance Studio with a performance by Mwt Shekemet, a Trenton-based African drummer, dancer, and storyteller who performs and explains African, Afro-Caribbean, African-American, and Native American cultural traditions. Ms. Shekemet has been a member of Keepers of the Culture, Philadelphia's African-American storytelling guild committed to the preservation and continuance of African-based culture; has led workshops in storytelling and drumming; and teaches theatre arts at Marcus Garvey Charter High School.

Following Ms. Shekemet's performance, the audience will move upstairs to the Loft Studio for a reception and a filmed performance of African-American dance, featuring short black and white films made during the 1930s and starring such notable African-American musicians as Louis Armstrong, Billie Holiday, Duke Ellington, Cab Calloway,

and Fats Waller.

The films will be introduced by film archivist, historian, and Princeton resident Bruce Lawton, who will also screen some other rarities including a five-minute tribute to Ossie Davis, who died earlier this month, and a short feature film starring Paul Robeson. Following the films, Mr. Lawton will take questions from the audience.

For more information, call (609) 924-8777.

Princeton Ballet School Schedules Gala Benefit

A black-tie evening of dining, dancing, and a silent auction to benefit the American Repertory Ballet and ARB's Princeton Ballet School will be held on Saturday, March 5 from 6 p.m. to midnight at The Hyatt Regency in New Brunswick. The cocktail reception will begin at 6 p.m., with dinner and dancing following at 7:30 p.m.

The entertainment for the evening will be provided by the Connecticut-based band Souled Out.

The gala will honor two couples, Tracey and Mark Simon, and Mary Barton and Douglas Martin. Mr. Simon, of Skillman, currently serves as first vice chair of the organization's board of trustees. Ms. Barton is a principal dancer with American Repertory Bal-

let and is a faculty member at ARB's Princeton Ballet School. For information, call Catherine Stillwell at (732) 249-1254, ext. 25.

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CINEMA REVIEW**Because of Winn-Dixie****Popular Children's Novel Adapted Into First-Rate Family Film**

It is a steamy summer in Florida, and 10 year-old Opal Buloni (AnnaSophia Robb) has followed her preacher father (Jeff Daniels) to the sleepy, backwoods hamlet of Naomi where he has found work at the Open Arms Baptist Church. The congregation holds services in a what used to be a "Pick-It-Quick" convenience store which still looks more like a food mart than a house of worship.

Opal, sad about having to start over again in another locale, prays to God to make new friends and to see her mother (Lara Grice) again someday. She has been walking around with a hole in heart since her momma disappeared seven years ago. Because her daddy doesn't want to talk about it, Opal has a lot of unanswered questions about why she was abandoned.

Because of Winn-Dixie is a first-rate family film based on the best-seller of the same name by Kate DiCamillo. In 2001, the novel was named a Newbery Honor Book, a distinction reserved for the year's outstanding children's literature. The book has been adapted to the screen by director Wayne Wang (The Joy Luck Club), who preserves the story's earnestness instead of using Hollywood's kiddie fare formula.

Narrated by young Opal, *Because of Winn-Dixie* paints a picture of life from the perspective of a new kid in town. Initially, instead of developing any meaningful relationships, Opal meets with resistance at every turn.

For example, a couple of bullies her own age tease

her about her last name which sounds awfully similar to "baloney." She finds it hard to adjust to life in a trailer park run by an unfriendly old grouch (B.J. Hopper) with a lot of rules, like "no pets."

When she resigns herself to her worst summer ever, a life-altering incident occurs while she's shopping for groceries at the Winn-Dixie supermarket. A mangy mutt is running amuck and embarrassing the exasperated manager (John McConnell) and the employees attempting to corral him. Opal steps forward to claim the stray, impulsively naming him Winn-Dixie and saving him from the dog pound.

The pair soon become inseparable which not only improves Opal's outlook but also trans-

forms everyone they encounter. Among the colorful characters in need of a blessing are ex-con Otis (Dave Matthews), the manager of Gertrude's pet shop; Gloria Dump (Cicely Tyson), the elderly blind woman unfairly labeled a scary witch; and Miss Franny (Eva Marie Saint), the local librarian with a tin can of magical, melancholy lozenges.

Because of Winn-Dixie, the city of Naomi comes together like never before, Opal begins communicating with her father, even though hearing the truth about her mother fails to heal her emotional wounds.

A tender-hearted fable about a child's determination to find the truth and her place on the planet even if that means a deep sadness and an almost unbearable sense of solitude.

Excellent (**) Rating: PG** for adult themes and mild epithets. Running time: 106 minutes. Studio: 20th Century Fox.

—Kam Williams



A GIRL'S BEST FRIEND: Winn-Dixie has become Opal's (AnnaSophia Robb) inseparable canine companion. He patiently watches while she reads in bed by flashlight.

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Are We There Yet? (PG for language and crude humor). Road comedy about the nightmarish ordeal of a playboy (Ice Cube) who agrees to drive his workaholic girlfriend's (Nia Long) disobedient kids from Portland, Oregon to Vancouver, British Columbia for a New Year's Eve reunion with their mom.

The Aviator (PG-13 for nudity, sexual content, mature themes, profanity, and a crash sequence). Martin Scorsese tapped Leonardo DiCaprio to play Howard Hughes in this biopic about the enterprising, eccentric playboy who parlayed a modest inheritance into a massive fortune. With Kate Beckinsale as Ava Gardner, Cate Blanchett as Katherine Hepburn, Jude Law as Errol Flynn, Gwen Stefani as Jean Harlow, Jane Lynch as Amelia Earhart, Stanley DeSantis as Louis B. Mayer, and Michael-John Wolf as Cary Grant.

Bad Education (Unrated). Oscar-winner Pedro Almodovar (*Talk to Her*) wrote and directed this semi-autobiographical film which examines the effect of sexual abuse by a Catholic priest on the friendship of two boys, one of whom grows up to be a filmmaker. In Spanish with subtitles.

Because of Winn-Dixie (PG for adult themes and epithets). Based on the children's novel of the same name, this family drama follows the adventures of a 10-year-old girl (AnnaSophia Robb), abandoned by her mother, who moves with her preacher father (Jeff Daniels) to Florida where she heals with the help of the stray dog she adopts.

Bagelman (PG-13 for nudity, terror, and horror). Horror film from New Zealand about a man (Barry Watson) traumatized by a recurring childhood nightmare who moves back to the home he grew up in to find out whether the mysterious figure in his bedroom was all a figment of his imagination.

Caach Carter (PG-13 for sex, expletives, violence, drug use and underage partying). Samuel L. Jackson handles the title role in this true story of an inner-city, high school basketball coach who cared enough about his players to bench the entire team for academic underperformance, even though they were undefeated at the time. With Ashanti and Debbi Morgan.

Constantine (R for violence and demonic images). Horror film, adapted from the comic book series, stars Keanu Reeves in the title role as John Constantine Hellblazer, a mysterious, misfit detective who teams up with a female cop (Rachel Weisz) to solve the murder of her twin sister. With Djimon Hounsou and Tilda Swinton.

Finding Neverland (PG for adult themes and mild epithets). Johnny Depp stars as Scottish playwright J.M. Barrie in this family drama which speculates about what might have been the inspiration behind *Peter Pan*, his revered children's classic. With Kate Winslet, Vanessa Redgrave, Dustin Hoffman and Julie Christie.

Hide and Seek (R for violence and frightening sequences). Robert De Niro stars in this horror film as a widower whose nine-year-old daughter (Dakota Fanning) creates an imaginary friend, Charlie, to deal with her mother's suicide. Famke Janssen co-stars as the little girl's shrink who determines that Charlie might be more real than imagined.

Hitch (PG-13 for profanity and sexual references). Unlikely-buddy comedy with Will Smith as a date doctor doling out advice to a geek (Kevin James) going after the glamorous girl (Amber Valletta) of his dreams. Cast includes Eva Mendes, Michael Rapaport, and Adam Arkin.

Hotel Rwanda (PG-13 for violence, profanity, and disturbing images). Don Cheadle landed a Golden Globe nomination for his performance in this true story about a hotel manager who saved over 1,000 refugees from ethnic cleansing during the Rwandan civil war. With Nick Nolte, Joaquin Phoenix, and Cara Seymour.

In Good Company (PG-13 for sex and drug references). Dennis Quaid stars in this comedy of errors as a demoted corporate middle manager whose new young boss (Topher Grace) starts dating his 18 year-old daughter (Scarlett Johansson).

Inside Deep Throat (NC-17). Documentary revisits *Deep Throat*, the X-rated, sexual liberation-era film made for \$25,000 in 1972 which went on to gross over \$600 million. Pro-porn pic violates the late Linda Lovelace again by including explicit scenes despite the star's well-publicized protestations that she was forced to perform at gunpoint and only paid a pittance for demonstrating her amazing oral feat.

Meet the Fockers (PG-13 for off-color humor, profanity, and a drug reference). Sequel to *Meet the Parents* introduces Barbra Streisand and Dustin Hoffman as the very ethnic parents of Ben Stiller. Plot has Robert DeNiro and Blythe Danner, returning as protective parents of the bride (Teri Polo), now venturing to Florida to size-up their daughter's soon to be in-laws.

The Merchant of Venice (R for nudity). Tenth big screen adaptation of the William Shakespeare classic about a man expected to pay off a loan he took for a friend with a pound of his own flesh. Starring Al Pacino as Shylock, Jeremy Irons as Antonio, Joseph Fiennes as Bassanio, and Lynn Collins as Portia.

Millian Dallar Baby (PG-13 for violence, profanity, and adult themes). Clint Eastwood directs and stars in this fight film about an ex-boxer who, with the help of a wise, one-eyed janitor (Morgan Freeman), grudgingly trains a woman (Hilary Swank) who wants to be a contender. Landed Best Picture, Director, and a trio of acting Oscar nominations, one for each of the above thespians.

Paah's Heffalump Movie (G). Disney kiddie cartoon adventure has Winnie the Pooh and pals in the forest where they learn some very valuable life lessons while searching for a mysterious creature.

Sideways (R for sex, expletives, and nudity). Mid-life crisis comedy with Paul Giamatti as an unpublished writer who embarks on an exploration of women and relationships in the California wine country with his old college roommate, a washed-up actor (Thomas Haden Church), who is going to be married in one week.

San of the Mask (PG for action violence, crude and suggestive humor, and epithets). Sequel sans Jim Carrey has Jamie Kennedy as a cartoonist whose infant son has a magical mask. Cast includes Alan Cumming, Bob Hoskins and Ben Stein.

A Very Long Engagement (R for violence and sexuality). Audrey Tautou stars in a World War I romance drama, adapted from the novel of the same name by Sebastien Japrisot, as a woman desperately searching everywhere from the city of Paris to the trenches on the front lines for her missing fiancé, a soldier who had been court-martialed. In French with subtitles.

The Wedding Date (PG-13 for sexual content). Debra Messing stars in this romantic comedy, set in London, as an old maid who hires a male escort (Dermot Mulroney) to dupe the fiancé, who dumped her, into believing she has a hot new beau.

—Kam Williams

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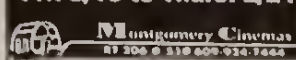
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"The options are many, and it can be hard to narrow down the field on your own," said Helaine Isaacs, the Central New Jersey consultant for Tips on Trips and Camps, a free service that offers advice to parents on choosing an overnight camp for their child. There are many things to con-

sider when choosing a camp, including distance, cost, length of time, camp size, coed or single sex, and if the camp is religion-based.

"Be clear on what experience you want your child to have.... Clearly not every camp is a good fit for every child," she said.

Costs can range from \$700 to \$1,100, according to the consultant, with the shorter camps costing more per week than the longer ones. Overnight camps typically range from two to eight weeks, and many full-season camps are seven weeks, with three-week sessions for half-season camps. However, some of the full-season variety will also allow children, particularly

younger ones, to come for half the time.

Ms. Isaacs recommends children attend for a minimum of two weeks: "It can take that long to get over the initial homesickness, and to settle in and make friends."

For children who are attending camp for the first time, parents should look for one that has a reputation for being nurturing. For example, some camps have a "Camp Mom" to make younger participants feel more at home.

Attending camp unaccompanied by friends can help children build confidence, giving them the experience of going to a new place on their own. According to Ms. Isaacs, however, it's best to send them

with a friend, than to not send them at all.

Why Choose Overnight?

Ms Isaacs's Tips for Trips suggests that there are several advantages to choosing an overnight camp, rather than a day camp. Staying overnight will build self esteem in children by helping them demonstrate their ability to live on their own and deal with situations independently. It will also help children develop a sense of accomplishment, by overcoming fears and meeting challenges.

Children usually have a fear of the unknown, and the best way to deal with comments such as "I'm not going" is to educate the child on the overnight camp and what it has to offer. Overnight camps can expose children to new activities and interests, and help

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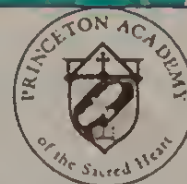
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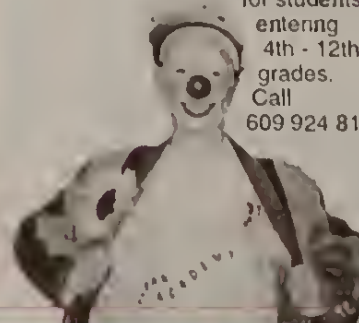
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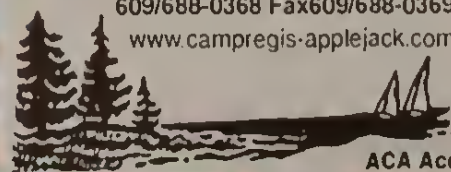
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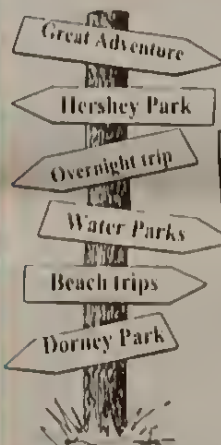
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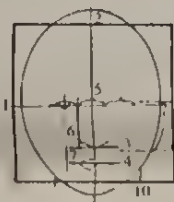
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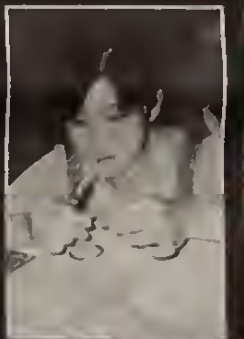
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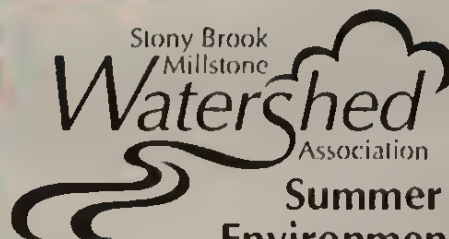
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(Photo by George Vogel)

Choosing a Camp

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them create lasting relationships with other children, said Ms. Isaacs.

Children start going to overnight camps as young as eight years old, but nine or ten appears to be the best age, depending on the child's maturity, she said. Parents should also be careful if they are sending a 12- or 13-year-old to camp for the first time, because in those camps where the same children come back year after year, the child could feel alienated if he or she is the only newcomer in a group of old friends.

"That's a very tough situation for a camper to go through," she said.

When it comes to selecting a camp, parents need to consider their child's needs and what kind of environment would be most beneficial, said Ms. Isaacs. "Some children need a competitive environment and some need something more laid back."

Preparing to Go

In preparing a child for camp, parents should communicate confidence in their decision. However, if they begin to have misgivings, they should talk with a spouse or friends, and try to not convey their

doubts to the child. Try to avoid statements that might make a child feel guilty about leaving the parent, such as, "I'm going to miss you terribly," said Ms. Isaacs.

"It's really important for the parent to be clear that this is a good experience for the child," she added.

Parents should refer to positive experiences the children have had in the past when they were staying overnight at a friend's house, or taking an overnight trip with Boy or Girl Scouts. Having them stay overnight somewhere close to the start of camp can also help prepare them for being away from home.

Opening communication with a camp director is key, the consultant added. A parent should let the director know if the child is prone to homesickness, or is having difficulties due to problems at home, such as divorce or a serious illness in the family. Parents should also ask the director how they may get in touch with a camp counselor to find out if the children are enjoying themselves, particularly if this is their first time away from home.

Talking with the director is similar to talking to the principal or dean of a school, said Ms. Isaacs, as "they have a vision for the environment they want to create." This is where parents will get the best sense of how the place operates.

Parents should make sure they can keep in touch with their child, either through letters, emails, or phone calls. Giving a child pre-addressed, stamped envelopes or postcards should encourage them to stay in touch. Sending a letter that will be waiting for them when they arrive at a camp can also ease homesickness, said Ms. Isaacs.

When writing to a child, she added, don't send so much detail about life at home that it could make them feel as though they're missing out on something. Parents should resist overreacting to a child's homesickness and not offer to pick them up from camp, or say things like, "If you don't like camp, you can come home."

If a child seems to relapse into homesickness on Visiting Day, parents should be accepting of their feelings, but also express confidence that they'll get past them. The situation isn't that different from when children cry the first day of school as their parent leaves them, but have a good time once they adjust to the situation, said Ms. Isaacs.

Most importantly, parents should try to enjoy themselves while their children are away at camp, either by spending more time with their other children, or by making some time for themselves.

"Make this time a special experience for you, in addition to the one you're giving your child," said Ms. Isaacs.

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—Candace Braun



HAPPINESS IS A WARM ROOSTER: One of only 11 New Jersey schools with a Chinese language program, Princeton Friends School celebrated the Chinese New Year in style this year with a visit from renowned Chinese paper-cutting artist, Hou-tien Cheng, seen here with Head of School Jane Fremon (holding the warm rooster), and her daughter, PFS Chinese language student, Georgia Fremon. Many Friends graduates have gone on to study Chinese at the high school and college level.



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Strong chess players do have the ability to calculate many moves ahead in positions and to visualize stages of development within those branches of analysis. As you might imagine, this becomes easier to do near the endgame as there are fewer pieces to track.

Concrete conclusions to these analyses are also a helpful aspect of calculation in the endgame. Often the branches of the analysis end with an obvious win for one side. With this ease comes some difficulty though: endgames tend to be tricky.

Because of the alteration of the pieces' relative values in the endgame, a greater breadth of possible moves must be considered. All piece sacrifices must be considered. Any move that creates a passed pawn might be worth considering because that pawn could soon queen.

—Chad Lieberman

Brunner, L. (2415) - Serper, G. (2450)
Oakham, 1988

1.e4	c5
2.Nf3	d6
3.d4	cx d4
4.Nxd4	Nf6
5.Nc3	Nc6
6.Bc4	Qb6
7.Nde2	e6
8.0-0	Be7
9.Bb3	0-0
10.Bg5	a6
11.Bxf6	Bxf6
12.Qxd6	Rd8



Solution at bottom
White to mate in two.

13.Qg3
14.Qh3
15.Kh1
16.f4
17.fxe5
18.Qxc3
19.Rf4
20.Qxd4
21.Raf1
22.h4
23.h5
24.a4
25.axb5
26.R1f3
27.Ba2
28.Rg3
29.Rfg4
30.Rxg7+
31.Bxe6
32.Kh2
33.Bd5
34.R3g4
35.Kg3
36.e6
37.Bxe6
38.Kf2
39.R4xg5
40.Rxg5
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42.Rg7+
43.Ra7
44.g4
45.g5
46.Rb7+
47.g6
48.g7
49.Kxf1
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56.Qg6
57.Kg7

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a1Q+
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Qd2+
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Bd1+
Qh3+
Qh6+
Qf4+

Black Resigns

Solution:
1.Qxd6
2.Bc5#

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The Princeton Chapter No. 459 of AARP will meet this Friday, February 18, at 1:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the Kingston Presbyterian Church, Kingston.

The speaker will be Anne Marie Williams, RN, Manager of Pain Management, University Medical Center at Princeton, who will discuss alternative approaches to pain other than drugs — massage, aroma therapy, acupuncture, and Reiki.

The public is invited; refreshments will be served.

For more information, call (609) 921-7680 or (609) 655-7684.

Princeton Singles has scheduled a noon luncheon meeting on Tuesday, February 22 at the Elks Club in Blawenburg. Admission is the cost of the meal. For reservations, call (908) 874-4265.

The Piano Teachers Forum, an organization of professional piano teachers that meets the first Friday morning of every month, will meet on Friday, March 4, at Jacobs Music on Route 1 in Lawrence Township. The program, titled "I Teach, Therefore I Am, and Therefore My Students Will Learn," will be presented by Carol Gingerich.

Dr. Gingerich, a faculty member at the State University of West Georgia, received her doctor of education at Columbia and her master's from Westminster Choir College. Her research focuses on the French piano style. She recently presented a seminar on the subject at the European Piano Teachers Association convention in Rome, Italy.

The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and conversation. For directions and more information, call Lois Bitler at (609) 587-8313.

The Princeton Senior Citizens Club will host a bus ride to Trump Marina, Atlantic City, on March 9. The cost will be \$20 per person. For reservations or information, call Henry Tilghman at (609) 921-6082.



VALENTINE DANCERS: The Macarena was the dance of the moment for at least some of the participants at Monday's third annual Father/Daughter Valentine's Day dance at the Princeton YWCA.

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Unique Designs

"Brides come in and say the dresses feel so good on them," continues Ms. Morello. "These gowns are lighter-weight. The fabrics are gorgeous, and they are so well-made, with intricate detailing, and they are noted for their unique designs."

"The European designs also incorporate color in the wedding gowns, she adds. "They can be red, green, pink, etc., both solids and multi-color. We offer all these colors, and although most American brides want white, some are choosing color. Often, the white dresses will have pink accents or subtle luminescence and shine in the light."

There are no fixed rules about wedding gowns anymore, she points out, and the choice of gown reflects the bride's taste and personality.

"Today, anything goes with bridal gowns. It's all very individual for each bride. You do see a few trends. For example, strapless dresses continue to be popular and have been for the past couple of years."

We are also seeing a lot of 2-piece gowns. This is a new trend, and many brides are opting for it. The nice thing is that they can wear the top separately later, with a more informal ensemble. Crinkled organza is still another trend."

Pleasing the bride and making sure she receives the gown that is perfect for her is Ms. Morello's main priority. "First, I have a pre-consultation with the bride on the phone. Then, when she comes in, I'll look at her coloring, personality, and talk about her plans for the wedding. She always says she appreciates my guidance."

"Many brides come in a year ahead to select the dress. Most importantly, I always listen to the bride. And I look at her eyes when she puts on a dress. If she likes it, her eyes light up! Most brides know what looks well on them. Some will decide immediately when they come in; more typically is a 2-week decision. Interestingly, the second dress they try on is often the one."

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"Halter gowns are popular now, too, and also the corset back (bustier) is a favorite and very Italian. It can be open work (with see-through skin) or it can have a panel underneath. We also see little bolero jackets now that add a nice look. It is all wonderful! I am just surrounded by beauty here — all these beautiful gowns."

"When the bride has chosen the gown, then we start accessorizing," continues Ms. Morello. "We custom-make all our veils, and we have head pieces, including hair jewelry, in addition to tiaras."

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Mariage Couture tries to accommodate all budgets, she adds, noting, "I am competitively priced. Also, many bridal shops are family businesses down through the generations. Since I am not originally from this industry, I bring a fresh look to it, something different. I offer a fresh, new approach, and of course, gowns that are exclusive to us."

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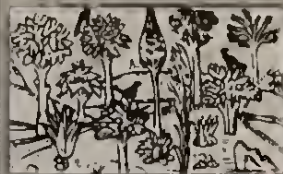
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Wide Assortment of Special Gifts At Serendipity Home Accessories

The charming new shop, Serendipity Home Accessories, opened in Kingston last November. Located at 4436 Route 27 (Main Street), it has already attracted a following from all over the area. Intrigued by the shop's diverse selection, ranging from wine stoppers to furniture and framed art, customers are enjoying the opportunity to browse and buy, says co-owner Roseann Dashevsky.

"I'm finding that when people walk in the shop, they stop and say, 'Your things are beautiful and at great prices.' Also, people want more of a one-of-a-kind look today, and I wanted to offer mid- to high-end, and things that I like. We have items from \$10 to \$5,000 and everything in between."

A long-time resident of the area, Ms. Dashevsky, has a business background, starting from her early days in advertising at The Home News. She later worked in customer service for LaVake Jewelry in Princeton, and also for an interior design and furniture store.

"I had thought of having my

own business, but it was not a major goal," she adds. "I do like it though. It's hard work, but you get to make the decisions."

When the Kingston location became available, she and partner Jeannie Nastus did not hesitate. The timing was perfect.

"I thought there was a huge need here for fine home accessories and gifts — a need for fine things at affordable prices," says Ms. Dashevsky.

Wide Assortment

The shop offers a wide assortment, and happily, the owners' taste is coinciding with that of her customers.

"I look for things that are different — things you won't find everywhere," explains Ms. Dashevsky. "A lot of items are hand-done, including hand-blown lamps, hand-sewn lamp shades, and hand-crafted pillows. My partner and I go to the shows, and if something catches our eye and is in the appropriate price range, we'll get it. Everything is hand-picked by us."

Certainly, the selection offers choices for a variety of tastes. Accessories, such as lamps (including colorful fragrance lamps), mirrors, planters, urns, custom-made door knockers, clocks, large hand-painted canisters to tables from Italy and custom bedding are all highlighted. Smaller items, including wine holders, tassels, and picture frames, are the perfect accent or hostess gift.

Hand-made trays, featuring painted glass with a special lacquer-like finish, are brightly colored, and gorgeous occasional tables from Italy include a nesting set featuring inlaid orange wood, cherry, walnut, and mahogany. The smallest table doubles as a music box.

Cozy Shop

The cozy shop offers a second floor, highlighting a bedroom setting, with luxurious bedding (available in different styles), vanity/hamper, and an array of charming perfume bottles.

"We will also have custom window treatments and Hunter-Douglas products," reports Ms. Dashevsky.

Among the many unusual items are hand-done pillows in

a variety of styles, including a "corset" pillow with matching throw.

"It was made by a survivor of the World Trade Center on September 11," says Ms. Dashevsky. "The workmanship is just exceptional."

Finding the unusual item and offering it to customers is her pleasure, she adds. "For example, we have very special custom brass and polished nickel door knockers. Dragonflies, butterflies, sea horses, and pineapples are available."

This remarkable variety of items guaranteed to appeal to many different tastes is a perfect match with the store's name, Serendipity, believes Ms. Dashevsky.

Special Attention

"The word can mean 'happy accident', and finding things here that you hadn't expected to see fits into that. But the name also comes from a Persian fairy tale in which three young princes of Serendip go on a journey and discover what is really important along the way. It is a great and wonderful story."

Serving the customers and offering special attention is a priority at the shop, she adds, and this includes special orders. "I also consult with



GRACIOUS GIFTS: "What I want is for Serendipity to be known as a very customer-oriented store, with very personalized service. I want us to be that little shop where people can come in and find something they didn't even know they needed!" Roseann Dashevsky, co-owner of Serendipity Home Accessories, stands beside an oil painting of Venice and a handsome sage green urn featuring antique metal handles.

people at their homes, if they wish. I will help with color choices, accessorizing, where to put things, etc. I'm here to help people.

"We are really thrilled with the way the store has evolved," she continues, "and I'd love to see the business grow. I'd love people to think that Serendipity Home Accessories is that wonderful little shop with great service and products. We always want people to feel welcome here. I don't hover over customers, but I offer them attentive service."

"I enjoy being busy and making the shop so inviting and warm that when people come in, they get very excited about it. I totally believe deep in my heart that this will be a treasure, both for me and for my customers. I love it!"

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Sports

Schafer Gives Maximum Effort Off the Bench As Tiger Men's Basketball Snaps 4-Game Skid

Max Schafer started the basketball season with his hair in a ponytail. He later changed his look to a modified Mohawk and lately he has lost more hair on the way to a relatively conservative wavy bleached style.

Schafer's change in coiffures mirrors an inner conflict he has been going through as he has struggled to find his role as one of the top reserves on the Princeton University men's basketball team.

After playing an average of 24 minutes in Princeton's first three games of the season, the sophomore guard saw his court time dwindle to the point where he didn't even get off the bench for three games.

With Princeton struggling collectively as it dropped four straight games to fall to 1-5 in Ivy League play, Schafer wasn't the only Tiger grappling to find his role under the new system installed by first-year head coach Joe Scott.

But plugging away after some heart-to-

heart talks with Scott, Schafer's persistence paid off last Saturday as he scored nine points in 36 minutes of action to help lead Princeton to a 63-53 win over Columbia last Saturday before a crowd of 4,512 at Jadwin Gym.

The win was particularly vital since it provided a happy ending to a disastrous week that started with Princeton blowing an 18-point lead with seven minutes to go in a 70-62 overtime loss at Penn on February 8.

The shell-shocked Tigers then came back last Friday to squander an eight-point second half cushion against Cornell as the Big Red went on a stunning 20-0 run in beating Princeton 66-58.

In Schafer's view, it was defensive intensity that helped get Princeton out of its rut. "I think the guys really zeroed in on what we had to do defensively," said Schafer, grinning for the first time in a while. "I'm so proud of the team to get out of the hole we were in. It is so difficult to do that."

The Tigers also exhibited some of the wide-open play they showed in last year's title campaign in using the fast break to foil Columbia's press.

"I think there was a more concerted effort to attack their press," explained the 6'1, 195-pound Schafer, a Wayne, N.J. native who had two rebounds, two assists, and a steal in the win over the Lions.

"After the Penn game, all we've been focusing on is the press-breaker. I think coach did a great job of preparing us, telling us to go out there and attack them. That's what we did. I think that's why Will [Venable] bounced back to be the player that he truly is."

Schafer admitted that he was relieved to bounce back himself from a slump that had him questioning his future with the program.

"Coach has really helped me with that, we've had a lot of talks," said Schafer, who came into the night averaging just 2.7 points a game.

"I'm glad I stuck with it. There was a point where I wasn't sure what I was going to do, a definite fork in the

road. I'm glad with the choice I made. Little by little, I'm building myself up, getting more minutes each game. I played 36 minutes tonight, which is the goal."

Scott, for his part, thought his club took a step toward achieving its goal of producing a suffocating defense. "Our defense was absolutely terrific, probably our best defensive game of the year," asserted Scott, whose team held Columbia to 35.9 percent shooting on the way to improving to 11-10 overall and 2-5 in Ivy play.

"We did a really good job of just playing our defense, that's the way it's supposed to look. If we can do it tonight, we have to learn to do it next Friday. We have just one job — to have that same kind of effort."

Scott was particularly pleased with Schafer's effort. "Max Schafer was terrific tonight," declared Scott, who got a career-high 17 points from junior guard Scott Greenman and 15 points from Venable.

"Max is to be commended; he's been having a struggling type of year on many fronts. At this point, he seems to be trying to put it all together."

The fiery coach acknowledged that he has struggled to get the players on the same page with his approach. "It's been extremely hard," acknowledged Scott.

"Everything is always different when you take over a new program. We're stressing different things and doing different things. We all have these expectations and desires. Sometimes you have to go through stuff to learn stuff."

With Princeton starting the season as prohibitive title favorites and now finding itself mired in the league cellar halfway through the conference campaign, the players are learning some valuable life lessons.

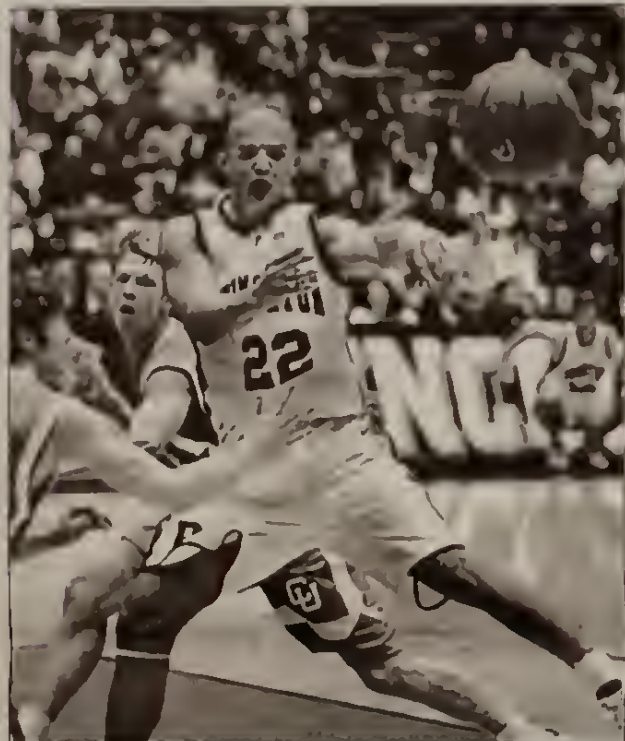
"If these guys hang in there and give the kind of effort they gave tonight, they will be rewarded for it, that's for certain," said Scott, whose club plays at Yale on February 18 and at Brown on February 19.

"They're going to be rewarded for it in



BACK IN STYLE: Princeton University reserve guard Max Schafer looks for an opening in action earlier this season. After seeing his playing time dwindle recently, Schafer produced his finest effort of the season last Saturday when he scored nine points in 36 minutes to help Princeton beat Columbia 63-53. Princeton, currently in the Ivy League cellar with a 2-5 conference mark, will look to move up the standings when it plays at Yale on February 18 and at Brown on February 19.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)



LIONS-TAMER: Princeton University senior co-captain Will Venable whips a pass in Princeton's 63-53 win over Columbia last Saturday. Venable scored 15 points and added five rebounds and five steals in the win over the Lions as the Tigers snapped a four-game losing streak and improved to 11-10 overall and 2-5 in Ivy League play.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

ways people don't recognize; it will show up over and over throughout their lives. It will say volumes about what kind of kids they are."

In Schafer's view, the Tigers will show their true character as they go through the second half of their Ivy slate. "The seniors want to finish out their careers the way they should," asserted Schafer.

"We're focused on going out and showing teams that we're different than you. If you really think about it, we're all in this together. I think the guys are starting to realize that it's not me, me, me. One guy is happy for another and another guy is happy for him."

And Schafer is happy to have gotten himself out of a hairy situation to once again be a vital part of the Tigers. —Bill Alden

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Tiger Men's Hockey Sees Plenty of Red In Losses to Powerful Cornell, Colgate

The Princeton University men's ice hockey team saw plenty of red last Friday night when it hosted Cornell. The Big Red marching band was crammed into one section of Baker Rink, wearing crimson blazers and blaring their horns to raise the decibel levels during breaks in play. There were patches of scarlet sprinkled throughout the sellout crowd of 2,092 as Cornell fans turned out in force to support their team which came into the evening ranked fifth in the nation. Once the action started on the rink, the Tigers got a heavy dose of red as the formidable Big Red overpowered

A grimaced Princeton head coach Guy Gadowsky tipped his hat to sizzling Cornell, which came into the night atop the ECAC Hockey League and riding an eight-game unbeaten streak (7-0-1). "They are a great defensive hockey team and they have the talent to bury the chances when they get them," said Gadowsky of Cornell, whose goalie David McKee brought a nation-leading 1.39 goals against average into the contest. "It's not a mistake or coincidence that they are ranked where they are in the nation.

What you saw tonight was a 5-0 hockey game." One glimmer of light for Princeton on the bleak night was its aggressiveness in penalty-killing. "I think in terms of penalty-killing, when Landis Stankieveh and Keith Shattenkirk were out there, you're not going to see a better penalty kill," asserted Gadowsky, whose club limited Cornell to 21 shots but did surrender two power play goals and a short-handed score. "They kept everything in front of them; they didn't allow a shot when they were in there. We did some very good things."



FACE-TO-FACE: Princeton University freshman defender Landis Stankieveh, right, and Colgate's Tyler Burton battle for the puck last Saturday in Princeton's 3-1 loss to the Raiders. The defeat dropped the Tigers to 6-17-2 overall and 4-13-1 in ECAC Hockey League play. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Kokopelli Fitness Celebrates Fourth Year in Downtown Princeton

This "Private Fitness" center, located in downtown Princeton, is certainly not a conventional gym! Kokopelli's studio is truly client-friendly, combining a welcoming atmosphere with highly skilled personal trainers and a motivational training philosophy. "We aim to remain small in order to offer privacy and a higher level of personal attention," says owner Josh Littlefield. "We have an excellent facility, and our trainers make sure that clients use the equipment correctly at all times."

In order to design a program specific to the needs of an individual client, Kokopelli utilizes a comprehensive evaluation system. "This allows our trainers to evaluate a client's ability to perform exercise in a safe and efficient manner and also better understand the nature of their personal goals," says fitness manager Willis Paine.

Mr. Littlefield points out that

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Kokopelli can help with post-therapy conditions, weight problems, etc. "We can help determine which exercise works best for the individual client," he explains. "People don't realize what they are capable of. Anyone can improve their physical condition. Additionally, exercise brings a sense of well-being into people's lives."

Clients work with a trainer at all times. "The health, safety and well-being of our clients is our primary obligation as trainers," says Fitness Manager and former collegiate strength and conditioning coach Willis Paine. "All of our trainers not only have four year college degrees in the exercise field, but must complete a rigorous internship before working with their first client. I'm very proud of the fact that we have raised the bar on what people should expect from a personal trainer."

In Gadowsky's view, his club spots away from earning ter and we are." can learn plenty from playing home ice in the upcoming league playoffs, Gadowsky "You have to be honest, right isn't focused on the various now they are a better hockey postseason scenarios. team and we have to get better," said Gadowsky, whose ice as the No. 1 goal," said Gadowsky, whose club is 6-17-2 overall and 4-13-1 in ECACHL play. "We're looking at getting Dartmouth on February 18 and better and getting into a position where we have improved and like the way we're playing in all aspects as we go into the playoffs, whether we are here at Baker or elsewhere. It's a process to continue to get better. With his club mired in 11th place in the ECACHL, three

The first-year coach noted that Cornell is at the other end of that process. "They are an excellent hockey team in terms of their talent and skill level and the systems they play," said Gadowsky, whose team completes a four-game homestand when it hosts Vermont on February 19. "They're very consistent." Gadowsky would be happy if his club started playing like the red blur he witnessed last Friday.

—Bill Alden



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Princeton Women's Water Polo Goes 4-0 in Opening Weekend

Although the Princeton University women's water polo team boasted a roster full of veterans as it opened its 2005 campaign last weekend by hosting the Princeton Invitational, Tiger head coach Luis Nicolao was still a bit apprehensive.

"In the first weekend, you're trying to get as many people in the water as you can," said Nicolao, who is in his seventh year guiding the Princeton water polo program. "You never know how people are going to look in a new season."

With the Tigers going undefeated in four contests over the weekend, Nicolao ended up liking what he saw. "We were excited to go 4-0," asserted Nicolao, whose club posted an 11-2 win over Villanova, a 10-6 victory over Marist, and an 8-4 triumph against Harvard in action on Saturday and then finished the weekend with an 8-4 victory over Brown on Sunday.

"It was a complete team effort. We got some good work from sophomores who didn't play much last year in Samantha Shaughnessy and Karina Reyner. Two of our freshmen, Natalie Kim in goal

and Carolina Ardila, also played well."

Princeton also got good work from two of its key returning stars, sophomore Elyse Colgan and junior Megan Donahue. Colgan, who led Princeton in scoring last year with 70 goals and 18 assists, tallied a team-high eight goals last weekend. Donahue, who was the second-leading goal scorer for the Tigers last season with 38 goals, had six goals.

"Colgan and Donahue are two smart and crafty players," said Nicolao in assessing their performance over the weekend. "They will be two of our offensive mainstays this season. We need to get the other pieces set around them."

Nicolao was happy how the pieces came together defensively. "I was thrilled with our defensive effort," asserted Nicolao.

"You can't always count on offense, sometimes the shots just aren't going in. We've told the players that we need to be able to count on our defense every game. Defense is a mindset. I thought we did a great job for the first weekend."

With Princeton playing at the Bucknell Invitational on February 19-20, Nicolao will focus on fine-tuning his team's attack. "We need to continue to work on our offense," said Nicolao, whose club went 24-9 last season and won its third straight Southern Championship. "We had some opportunities last weekend that we let slip away. We need to learn from our mistakes and put teams away."

—Bill Alden

Tiger Coach Celestin Cited as Unsung Hero

Princeton University women's soccer assistant coach Ron Celestin was honored last week for his contributions to Princeton's African-American community.

Celestin, a longtime teacher in the Princeton school system and the former coach of the Princeton High boys' soccer team, was cited as an "Unsung Hero" as part of the celebration to recognize members of Princeton's African-American community who have contributed to the fiber of the area through their profession, community service activities, and talent.

A graduate of PHS and West Virginia Wesleyan, Celestin currently teaches at the Riverside Elementary School. In addition to his deep involvement in local soccer, Celestin has been active in many community service projects.

Tiger Women's Hoops Earns New York Split

Productive efforts from Katy O'Brien and Ariel Rogers were not enough as the Princeton University women's basketball team fell 61-57 at Columbia last Saturday.

Junior guard and co-captain O'Brien scored 15 points and had four assists while freshman Rogers added a career-high 12 points as the Tigers dropped to 10-10 overall and 2-5 in Ivy League play.

A night earlier, Princeton posted a 78-74 win at Cornell, paced by Becky Brown, who scored 20 points and grabbed 14 rebounds.

In upcoming action, Princeton hosts Yale on February 18 and Brown on February 19.

Princeton Track Sweeps at H-Y-P

The Princeton University track program had a big weekend as both the men's and women's teams prevailed in the annual H-Y-P meet which was held this year at New Haven, Conn.

The men's team breezed to the win as it scored 80 points while Yale totalled 55 and Harvard had 35. Individual standouts for Princeton on the track included Richard Stewart, the winner in the 400 meters, Mike Kopp, the first place finisher in the 500, Alex Tingan, the top finisher in the 800, and Ray Lenihan, the winner of the 60 hurdles. In field events, the Tigers got wins from Andrew Park in the pole vault, Dwaine Blanton in the long jump, and Matt McNamara in the 35-lb weight throw.

In the women's meet, Princeton scored 75 points to edge Yale with 65 with Harvard coming in third at 19. Winners for the Tiger women included Chanel Lattimer in the 60-meter dash, Cack Ferrell in the mile, Meredith Lambert in the 3,000, and Laura Okpala in the 20-lb weight throw.

The Tiger track teams host the Princeton Invitational on February 19.

Princeton Wrestling Wins at Centennial

Capping last weekend's centennial celebration of its program, the Princeton University wrestling team defeated Franklin & Marshall 40-8 on Saturday at Dillon Gym.

In earning its first dual-meet victory of the season, Princeton got wins from Eric Marcotulli at 141 pounds, Andrew Iannuzzi (149), Charlie Wiggins (165), Matthew DeNichilo (174), Jack Fleming (184), and Jake Butler at heavyweight.

The Tigers will next be in action when they wrestle at Penn on February 19.



NATIONAL TREASURE: Princeton University sophomore star Liz Keady flies up the ice in recent action. Last Saturday, Keady had an assist to help Princeton earn a 2-2 tie at Colgate. The tie moved the Tigers to 13-6-5 overall and 7-5-3 in ECAC Hockey League play. It was a big week for Keady on another front as she was named to the roster of the U.S. Women's National Team for the upcoming International Ice Hockey Federation Women's World Championship in Sweden. The tournament features teams from eight nations and will begin on April 2 with the medal games set for April 9. Prior to that, Keady and her Princeton teammates play at Vermont on February 18 and at Dartmouth on February 19. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Tiger Squash Falls to Trinity

The Princeton University squash program produced some fine efforts even as both the men's and women's teams fell to powerful Trinity.

The Tiger women pushed the second-ranked Bantams hard as they lost 5-4. Winners for Princeton included Margaret Kent at No. 6, Carly Grabowski at No. 7, Anina Nolan at No. 8, and Patricia Gadsden at No. 9.

Princeton's men fell 8-1 to

No. 1 Trinity but that victory was a sweet one as Tiger junior Yasser El-Halaby outdueled Bernard Samper 9-3, 9-2, 9-0 in the top singles match. El-Halaby is the two-time defending national champion while Samper won the crown in 2002.

The Princeton men play in the 5-Man Championship from February 18-20 at Hartford, Conn. while the women's team hosts the Howe Cup Tournament from February 18-20.

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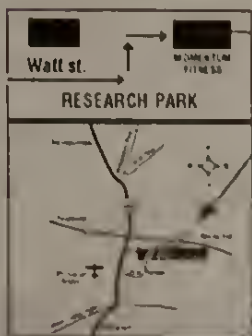
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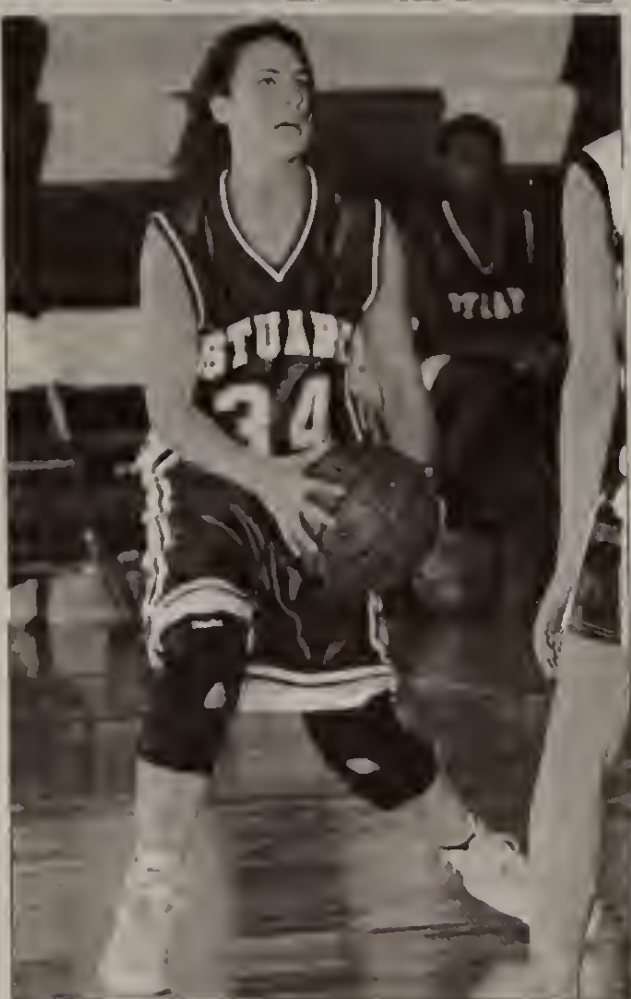
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FIRING LINE: Stuart senior guard Adie Sullivan prepares to fire a shot in a game last month. Last Monday, Sullivan scored five points to help the Tartans upset Morristown-Beard in the state Prep B tournament. Fifth-seeded Stuart, now 10-12, plays at top-seeded Pennington on February 17 in the Prep B semis.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)



LONG AND WINDING ROAD: Princeton High guard Clinton Winder flicks a pass in action earlier this season. Last Monday, PHS suffered another setback in what has been a disappointing season as it fell 53-37 at Hightstown in the opening round of the Mercer County Tournament. The Little Tigers, now 4-16, wind up the season by playing in two MCT consolation games.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Locals Struggle in Hoops Tourney Play; Stuart's Upset Win a Major Bright Spot

Last season, the Princeton Day School boys' basketball team toppled two higher seeded teams on the way to advancing to the state Prep B championship game.

After finishing the 2004-05 regular season with a disappointing 6-14 mark, the Panthers appeared to be up to their old tricks again as they started play in this year's Prep B tourney.

The Panthers opened post-season play by cruising past Wardlaw-Hartridge 61-43 last Thursday as junior star Drew Godwin scored 19 points and freshman Jordan Mickens chipped in 15.

Two days later, the seventh-seeded Panthers got off to a good start at second-seeded Rutgers Prep, building a 20-16 lead late in the second quarter. But, as has been the custom for most of the season, the roof fell in on PDS. Rutgers Prep went on a 10-0 run to close out the half and then started the second half by outscoring the Panthers 18-5 in the third quarter. PDS couldn't recover as it fell 63-37.

Last Monday, the Panthers took some more lumps as they were routed 66-38 by Steinert in the opening round of the Mercer County Tournament (MCT). Godwin scored 20 points to push his career total to 958. With two MCT consolation games to be played in the upcoming week, Godwin's chase of the 1,000-point mark figures to be the biggest positive for PDS as it closes out its frustrating campaign.

The Stuart Country Day squad, meanwhile, used the state Prep B tourney to produce a high note in what has been an up-and-down season. On Monday, the fifth-seeded Tartans travelled up to fourth-seeded Morristown-Beard and pulled off a 50-43 upset. Kelly Bruvik poured in 17 points while Kathryn Kitts chipped in 15 as the Tartans improved to 10-12 on the season.

The Tartans, though, have their work cut out for them as they play at top-seeded Pennington on February 17 in the Prep B semis. Stuart has

already lost twice to the Red Raiders, who bring a 17-5 mark into the contest.

In other MCT action, the Princeton High boys' squad was unable to produce a highlight in what has been a tough season, on and off the court. The 14th seeded Little Tigers fell 53-37 at third-seeded Hightstown to drop to 4-16 on the season. Anthony Brown played well in a losing cause as he fired in a team-high 17 points.

The PHS girls' team, which has produced eight wins this season after prevailing only three times last season, couldn't produce any more magic as it fell 55-23 to Hamilton in the opening round of the MCT. Little Tiger junior star Erin Cook scored 11 points but she didn't get much help as no other PHS player could muster more than six points. The loss left PHS with a record of 8-14.

Like PDS, the PHS squads will be looking to the MCT consolation games to produce something positive on which to end the season.

—Bill Alden



DRAWING A BEAD: Princeton Day School junior star Drew Godwin readies himself for a foul shot in the Panthers' recent loss to Pennington. Last Saturday, PDS lost to Rutgers Prep 63-37 in the state Prep B quarterfinals and then suffered a 66-38 defeat to Steinert last Monday in the opening round of the Mercer County Tournament. Godwin scored 20 points in the loss to Steinert to move to 958 points in his PDS career.

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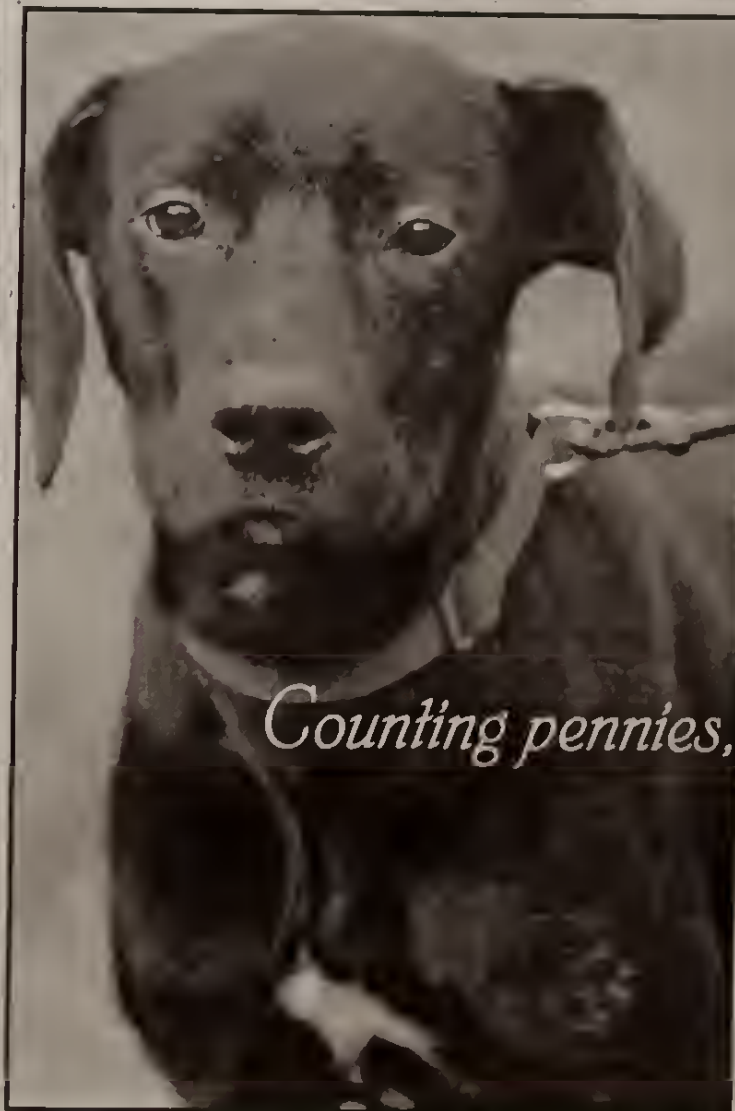
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RISE TO THE OCCASION: Hun School freshman star Emily Gratch, left, goes in for a lay-up in action last month. Gratch has been a major spark for Hun, which brings a 20-1 record into the state Prep A and Mid-Atlantic Prep League (MAPL) tournaments. The Raiders will open post-season play by hosting Blair on February 16 in a state prep A semifinal matchup. Hun will compete in the MAPL tournament from February 18-20 at Mercersburg Academy.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Hun Girls' Hoops Improves to 20-1; Aims to Stay Course in Tourney Play

Biff Holup hasn't had to deal with many peaks and valleys in guiding the Hun School girls' basketball team this winter.

The Raiders got out of the gate with 11 straight wins, as their offensive execution gradually caught up with the team's defensive tenacity.

Hun then lost to perennial state Prep A champion Peddie in early January but earned respect in the process as it pushed the Falcons hard for three quarters before succumbing 50-37.

Holup's club hasn't lost since, reeling off nine straight wins and bringing a glittering 20-1 mark into the penulti-

mate week of the season which will see Hun competing in both the state Prep A and Mid-Atlantic Prep League (MAPL) tournaments.

As he looks ahead to post-season action, Holup is confident that his veteran-laden team can stay the course. "This team knows how to win," said Holup, whose roster features six seniors and two juniors. "It's been such a consistent team."

The team showed its ability to win ugly as it topped Lawrence 53-21 and Hopewell Valley 55-45 last week in its final two regular season contests.

"In the Lawrence game, we

were a little sluggish," acknowledged Holup. "We had a big win against Hill a couple days earlier and I think we had a bit of a letdown. I knew that Hopewell Valley was going to be a tough game. It was senior night for us and we were juggling the line-up a little bit. I thought the girls responded well to that situation."

Holup is confident his team will respond well when it hosts Blair on February 16 in a state Prep A semifinal matchup. "We have already beaten them twice," said Holup, who has plenty of firepower on offense with senior star Shantee Darrian averaging more than 20 points a game and junior Mary Stinson and freshman Emily Gratch both chipping in around 11 points a contest.

"The pressure is on Blair. We scored a total of 135 points in our first two games with them and they have to figure out a way to stop us. We just need to play our game and hit shots."

Recognizing that there is a good chance this club could be squaring off against Peddie in both the MAPL and Prep tournaments, Holup concedes that his team will have to figure out a way to step up its game.

"We played them tough," said Holup, whose team competes in the MAPL tournament from February 18-20 at Mercersburg Academy. "We had a lead in the third quarter and we were only down by five going into the fourth. Their defense stepped it up and we slipped a bit on offense."

In Holup's view, his senior group, many of whom played in the state Prep A final as freshmen when Hun fell to Peddie, is primed to take things to the next level.

"We've never wanted to play Peddie, now we do," declared Holup, whose core of seniors includes Darrian, Jill Fonseca, Ica Morales, Nadine Maeser, Chelsey Baxter, and Bis Fries. "Our seniors are very confident of their ability and skills."

If the Raiders can get the most out of their ability, they could end the winter with a peak experience.

—Bill Alden

Hun Boys' Hoops Shines in Prime Time; Aims to Excel in Season's Crunch Time

Hitting the court fast Friday the state Prep A tourney the at Trenton's Sovereign Bank last two years, is hoping his Arena to face St. Augustine in club can improve collectively the Prime Time Shootout, the as they deal with playing two Hun School boys' basketball post-season tournaments in team was determined to show the same week.

that it befonged with the elite of high school hoops.

The Raiders didn't waste much time in making their point as they used a suffocating defense to race out to a 25-14 lead at halftime over St. Augustine, which brought a 16-2 record into the contest.

Led by a dominant 24-point, 12-rebound effort from sophomore forward Idris Hilliard, Hun cruised to a 62-47 win as it improved to 16-6 on the season.

By prospering in the Prime Time event, Hun head coach Jon Stone is hoping that his club can excel in the crunch time of its season which will see it compete in both the MAPL and Prep A tournament and the Mid-Atlantic Prep League (MAPL) tourney in the next week.

"I was real happy," said Stone in assessing his team's performance against St. Augustine. "They were a good team and that was good preparation for us. We didn't play a perfect game but we did a lot of good things. I would say our defense and sharing the ball were two of the best things we did."

Certainly, another one of the best things about Hun's game was the play of the 6'6, 190-pound Hilliard, who has become a force in the paint for the Raiders. "Idris had a tremendous game," said Stone, who got 14 points from Gary Garriss and 11 from Leo Nolan in the victory over St. Augustine. "Idris has been playing well all year. I think he has been averaging something like 18 points a game over the last two weeks. He's continuing to improve."

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PRIME TIME PLAYER: Hun School senior guard Gary Garriss looks for an opening in action earlier this season. Last Friday, Garriss scored 14 points to help Hun beat St. Augustine 62-47 in the Prime Time Shootout at the Sovereign Bank Arena. Hun, now 16-6, faces Peddie on February 16 in a state Prep A semifinal matchup. The Raiders are also competing in the Mid-Atlantic Prep League (MAPL) tourney from February 18-20 at Mercersburg Academy.

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GOOD RIDE: Princeton High's Tom Frantzen, top, controls the action in a recent match. Frantzen, the county champion at 160 pounds, will look to keep rolling as he and his teammates compete in the District meet later this month.

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PHS Wrestling Making Progress; Still Has Room for More Growth

Princeton High wrestling head coach Rashone Johnson often holds up senior star Will Borchert's fearless attitude as an example to the team's other wrestlers.

"Will doesn't care who he is wrestling, the rankings don't matter to him," said Johnson. "He just goes out to win. I try to get the other guys to model themselves after him."

At the Mercer County Tour-

namment (MCT) earlier this month, several PHS wrestlers took a page out of Borchert's book as the team placed sixth out of 12 teams and turned in several outstanding individual performances.

Tom Frantzen won the county crown at 160 pounds for PHS while the intense Borchert narrowly missed the title at 189 when he dropped an 8-7 decision to Brett Line-

barger of Ewing in the title bout. Other Little Tiger standouts at the MCT included Mark Jeevaratnam, the third-place finisher at 145, Dale Owsemi, who took third at 215, Peter Asmuth, the fourth-place finisher at 171, and Andre Cutler, the sixth-place finisher at 152.

In reflecting on his team's performance at the MCT, Johnson was pleased but not surprised. "I honestly thought we performed well," said Johnson. "We didn't exceed my expectations because I thought we'd do well. I thought we may have even more guys in the finals. All the wrestlers progressed and stepped up."

No Little Tiger stepped up more than Frantzen, who pinned Notre Dame's Chase

Badger in the semifinals increasingly large impact on before earning a 7-4 decision the PHS program is Jeevaratnam, who topped Hamilton's the championship match. Mark Belviso 6-1 in the third-place final.

"Tom has progressed a lot," said Johnson of his junior star. "He won the title but that probably wasn't even his best wrestling. His best match was probably in the semifinals, that was a tough win."

While Borchert's loss in the final was tough to swallow for Johnson, he still had kudos for the senior standout. "I thought Will was going to win," acknowledged Johnson. "He's such a hard worker. He's had a huge impact on the program."

A wrestler who is having an

"Mark is having a solid season," asserted Johnson. "He's been consistent, I couldn't ask for more from him. He hasn't had his best wrestling yet. Getting third at the counties and beating the guy from Hamilton was good."

With the District competition on the horizon later this month, Johnson is hoping that his team can build on the progress it made at the MCT.

"I was definitely happy that my wrestlers were able to peak for the counties," said Johnson. "I hope we can

repeat that and peak for the districts."

From his vantage point, Johnson believes that his wrestlers can get even more out of their potential when they compete in the districts.

"I think all the guys have room to grow," declared Johnson. "The goal is to go to the districts and do well. The districts are what are remembered. Nobody really remembers the counties, it is how you finish the season. The idea is for the season to go into March."

And if the Little Tigers can produce their best wrestling of this season, it could be a March to remember.

—Bill Alden



A LEG UP ON THE COMPETITION: Princeton High junior star Tom Frantzen gets the edge against a foe from Governor Livingston in a match earlier this season. Frantzen recently won the championship at 160 pounds in the Mercer County Tournament to help lead PHS to a sixth-place finish in the team standings.

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PDS Girls' Hockey Firms Up Defense But Needs More Offensive Firepower

Looking at John Cook last Wednesday night as he ran things from the bench, one would have thought that his Princeton Day School girls' hockey squad was getting the better of Morristown-Beard as the teams faced off in a state Prep semifinal matchup.

Cook smiled through most of the evening even though his team fell behind 1-0 in the first period and trailed 4-0 heading into the last period in the game which was played at the Lawrenceville School rink.

Buoyed by their head coach's positive reinforcement, the Panthers enjoyed themselves in the third period as they put in a goal while holding Mo-Beard scoreless to make the final margin a more respectable 4-1.

Afterward, Cook said he had no qualms with how his team played notwithstanding the final score. "I got a good effort from the girls," said Cook, whose team's score came on a goal by Katy Cara which was assisted by Meg Kerwin and Alicia Siani. "They worked hard. I got to play everybody tonight, which was good."

Cook was particularly pleased by how his team fought all the way to the final horn. "In the third period, we put some of our strongest players on defense," explained Cook, whose team was outshot 25-11 on the evening in falling to 8-11 on the season.

"I put Meg and Katy back there and I created a third line out of my other defenseman. It worked pretty well. We had some good offense and they protected well in front of the net. We won the third period."

The second-year head coach acknowledged that his team faced a formidable challenge in attempting to topple Mo-Beard, who will face Lawrenceville on February 16 in the state Prep championship game.

"That's a pretty strong team," said Cook, who got a solid 21-save effort from senior goalie Kristina Costa in a losing cause. "They're playing well, they played our girls tough. I'm really pleased with the way my girls hung in there, those guys are now 15-1."

In the wake of the loss, Cook said he hoped to build

on the team's stingy play in the third period. "We're working on a defensive strategy," said Cook. "We're focusing on defense."

Cook's club apparently got the message as it cruised past Wyoming Seminary 8-0 last Friday as Kerwin scored twice and senior goalie Kristina Costa made 16 saves in earning the shutout.

PDS continued its strong defensive play last Monday against Princeton High at Baker Rink but couldn't get untracked offensively as it dropped a 1-0 nailbiter to the Little Tigers. Once again, Costa came up big in the goal as she recorded 29 saves.

In reflecting on the loss to PHS, Cook was pleased with the defensive effort. "Our defense played great, but you have to score," said Cook, whose team dropped to 9-12 with the loss and will next be in action when they host Summit on February 23.

If the Panthers can put it together, Cook could be smiling a lot when the team culminates its season with its annual PDS Invitational Tournament.

—Bill Alden



IN A RUSH: Princeton Day School freshman star Leah Lefebvre rushes up the ice in recent action. Last Monday, Lefebvre and her teammates couldn't get untracked offensively as PDS dropped a 1-0 nailbiter to Princeton High at Baker Rink. The Panthers, now 9-12, host Summit on February 23 before competing in their annual PDS Invitational from February 26-27.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)



STICKING WITH IT: Stuart sophomore forward Julia Helms outraces an opponent to the puck in a game earlier this season. Although the Tartans finished with a 1-8 record, Helms and her teammates never stopped giving their all for coach Greg Bugge.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Stuart Ice Hockey Progressed Even as It Posted 1-8 Record

On paper, it would seem that the Stuart Country Day School ice hockey team suffered through a bleak winter.

The Tartans finished the season with an 1-8 record, dropping their last seven games.

Yet, when it comes to the team's attitude on the ice, Stuart head coach Greg Bugge will tell you that it was an enjoyable winter.

"We measure success differently with this program," said Bugge, noting that his charges only play hockey for three months a year. "It's tough to win just one game but we had a great time. It's not a question of the girls not playing hard. The girls work, they play hard, and they show a lot of heart. I think the team played well this season. We were beaten by some very good teams."

From a coaching standpoint, Bugge got a lot of satisfaction from the process. "I get the effort, I get the improvement," added Bugge, who just completed his fourth season at the helm of the Tartans' program.

"I always see a big improvement between November and February. I see a lot of good things, those are the fruits of the labor."

The way Stuart played in its two match-ups with Princeton High was emblematic of the team's progress. In early December, Stuart opened its season by falling 10-0 to the Little Tigers. In the rematch in late January, the Tartans pushed PHS hard before dropping a 4-2 decision.

"We were down 2-0 after two periods," said Bugge, reflecting on the second game with PHS. "We tied them at 2-2 in the third period and their winning goal came with three minutes left. We were really playing with them. The girls were aggressive enough to make a lot of chances."

In terms of individual skills, Bugge saw marked improvement. "Sarah Williams is a good player offensively," said Bugge of his senior stalwart who led the team in scoring and registered a hat trick in the Tartans' 3-1 win over Lansdale Catholic in December.

"She is a fast skater and has a great shot. Christa Goeke had some goals this year. It's been great watching her improvement from eighth grade to 11th grade. It's the same thing with Megan Fitzpatrick, she had a big improvement from the eighth grade to 10th grade."

Stuart had fun even as it ended its season last Saturday with a 7-0 loss to Hill. "We had a great time on the ride out there and we had a great time in the game," asserted Bugge. "I called a timeout near the end of the game so I could put all five seniors out on the ice for the last shift of the season. They had a lot of fun."

For Bugge, the pleasure he got from working with his players has him eagerly anticipating next season. "The girls are definitely getting something out of it," said Bugge. "They are not showing up everyday for practice at 5:30 a.m. just because they like me so much. I look forward to each year. Each year is a challenge and fun."

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Boys' Basketball:

Jonathan Dixon had a big game but it wasn't enough as Lawrenceville fell 86-75 to Blair last Saturday in the state Prep A quarterfinals. Dixon scored 21 points while Porter Braswell chipped in 19 as Lawrenceville dropped to 12-10 on the season. The Big Red finish their season by competing in the Mid-Atlantic Prep League (MAPL) tournament at Mercersburg Academy from February 18-20.

Girls' Ice Hockey: The Big Red cruised past Pingry 7-1 last Wednesday in the state Prep A semifinals. Lawrenceville, now 14-8-1, will face Morristown-Beard in the Prep title game on February 23 at Princeton Day School.

PDS

Girls' Basketball: Despite productive outings from Meg Francfort and Keely Langdon, PDS fell 54-47 to Friends Central last Wednesday. Francfort poured in 17 points while Langdon added 16 as the Panthers ended their season with a 2-19 mark.

Boys' Ice Hockey: Will Denise and Derek Mayer scored second-period goals to help PDS edge Seton Hall Prep 2-1 last Monday. Goaltender Jared Tepper had 30 saves to pace the defensive effort as PDS improved to 15-4-2 on the season. In upcoming action, the Panthers host Morristown-Beard on February 16 in the state Prep finals and Chatham on February 17.



BLANK SLATE: Princeton High goaltender Emily Schulte prepares to make a save in an early-season contest. Last Monday, Schulte had 16 saves to help PHS edge Princeton Day School 1-0 at Baker Rink. In recording her third shutout of the season, Schulte helped the Little Tigers improve to 10-3-1 overall and 5-3-1 in Mid-Atlantic Girls Prep League action. PHS will next take the ice when it plays at Radnor on February 23 in West Chester, Pa.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

HUN

Boys' Hockey: A goal by Matt Torstrup with 15 seconds remaining in the game gave Hun a 1-1 tie with Montgomery last Wednesday. Raider goalie Ben Wirjosemito recorded 27 saves to help the Raiders move to 9-6-3 on the season. In upcoming action, the Raiders play Notre Dame in the Mercer County Tournament on February 21 at Mercer County Park.

Swimming: The Raider boys finished fifth in the state Prep A championship meet on February 8. Raider star Andrew Philhower took fourth in the 100-yard butterfly and fifth in the 50 freestyle.

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Boys' Ice Hockey: Peter Teifer and Justin Faulkner both came up big as PHS cruised to a 9-0 win over Lawrence last Friday. Teifer had a hat trick while Faulkner scored twice as the Little Tigers improved to 14-3-1 on the season. PHS goalie Shane Leuck recorded 23 saves in earning the shutout. The Little Tigers play Steinert on February 18 at Mercer County Park before facing WW/P-S on February 21 in a Mercer County Tournament game at Mercer County Park.

Swimming: The PHS swimming program begins Public B state tournament action this

week. The PHS boys, who have won four straight Central Jersey sectional crowns, were slated to host Monmouth Regional on February 15 with the winner to face the victor of the Hamilton/WW/P-N clash on February 17. The Little Tiger girls, who advanced to the Public B state championship meet last year, had a first round bye and will get into action on February 18 when it hosts the winner of the Metuchen-Shore opening round contest. Both PHS teams are seeded first in the sectional. The sectional finals are scheduled for February 22 at North Brunswick High.

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Princeton Little League Holding Registration

The Princeton Little League is now holding registration for the spring 2005 season.

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New and experienced players registering for the B Minor, A Minor, and Major Leagues, must attend mandatory tryouts at the Hun School gym on March 5-6. Opening day is scheduled for April 2. For more details, log onto the league's website.

Princeton Youth Softball Registration Underway

The Princeton Girls' Softball Association (PGSA) is currently accepting registrations for the upcoming 2005 season.

The PGSA offers a T-Ball Division for Kindergartners, a Rookie Division for girls in Grades 1-2, a Minor Division for girls in Grades 3-4, and a Major Division for those in Grades 5-6.

Practices are scheduled to start in the first week of April with the games starting in the mid-April and running to Memorial Day. Free clinics are tentatively scheduled for Monday and Wednesday evenings in March at the Princeton High gym.

For registration forms and additional information, log onto the league's website at www.Princetonsoftball.net.

Princeton Travel Hoops Recent Results

The Princeton Recreation Department's Under-14 boys' travel basketball team won its fourth consecutive game as it posted a 45-25 win over Flemington in Montgom-

ery League action. Chris Bechler led the way for Princeton with 13 points while A.J. Dowers added eight points. Steven Lee-Kramer and Justin Schetel scored seven points apiece for Princeton.

The Princeton U-13 boys' team swept a pair of games over the weekend, pushing its winning streak to four games. Princeton beat North Brunswick 39-38 as Jay Dwyer has 13 points and 10 rebounds with Josh Gordon adding 12 points and eight rebounds. The Princeton U-13 squad also defeated Langhorne 37-31 in Central Jersey League action. Gordon had 14 points and seven rebounds in March at the Princeton while Skye Ettin added nine points.

YMCA Girls' Lacrosse Forming Spring Teams

The Princeton Family YMCA is currently organizing girls' lacrosse teams for the upcoming spring season.

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OBITUARIES



William H. Bleacher

William H. Bleacher, 82, of Lawrenceville, died February 10 at the Merwick Unit of the University Medical Center at Princeton.

Born in Quarryville, Pa., he resided in West Windsor before moving to Lawrenceville.

He retired after 40 years as a chemical technician with RCA of Princeton.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving with the 148th Infantry, 37th Division in the South Pacific and earning the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. A member of American Legion Post No. 76 and DAV Chapter 41, he was a life member of the VFW of Hamilton Township. He was also involved in Boy Scout Troop No. 88 of Princeton and was a past president of the West Windsor Lions.

He was a member of the Princeton United Methodist Church of Princeton.

Son of the late William I. Jr., and Marybelle (Dorwart) Bleacher, and brother of the late Nettie Waltman, he is survived by his wife of 58 years, Shirley; two sons, John of Springfield, Va., and Gary of Lambertville; a daughter, Sheri Coleman of Burke, Va.; five brothers, Benjamin of Willingboro, Robert of Lakeland, Fla., Grant of Elizabeth, Pa., Harry of Quarryville, Pa., and Christopher of Corpus Christi, Tex.; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 26 at The Princeton United Methodist Church, 7

Vandeventer Avenue, with the Rev. Dr. Gregory G. Young officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Princeton United Methodist Church Building Fund, 7 Vandeventer Avenue, Princeton 08542.

Arrangements are by The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home.

Rhetta Mae Butler

Rhetta Mae Butler, 69, of Lawrenceville, died February 5 at Capital Health System-Mercer.

Born in Wilmington, Del., she lived in Lawrenceville for 47 years.

She was a 1953 graduate of Howard High School in Wilmington, where she was a cheerleader and member of the swim team.

She was a retired office management assistant for Eggert Crossing Village in Lawrenceville. She also worked as an accounts receivable clerk for Arm & Hammer in Princeton.

Daughter of the late Willie and Rhetta Mae Williams, she was also predeceased by a daughter, Dorena Butler, and a brother, Milton L. Williams. She is survived by a sister, Diana Williams of Willingboro; her former husband Lanny D. Butler Sr. of Lawrence; three sons, Lanny Jr. of Lawrence, Randall of Trenton, and David of Trenton; two granddaughters; and two special friends, Francine Barbara and Carla Stevenson.

The funeral service was February 10 at Shiloh Baptist Church, Trenton; the Rev. Darrell L. Armstrong officiated. Interment was private. Arrangements were by the Hughes Funeral Home.

James G. Dougherty

James Gregg Dougherty Jr., 79, of Chevy Chase, Md., formerly of Princeton, died January 30 of melanoma, at his home.

He grew up in Princeton and Old Lyme, Conn. His parents were Gregg Dougherty, a professor of organic chemistry at Princeton, and Grace Ely Bassett Dougherty.

He attended Princeton Country Day School and graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy in 1943. A member of the 1947 class at Princeton University, his college career was interrupted by military service, two years in the Navy. He graduated in 1948 with a BSEE degree, Phi Beta Kappa, and earned

a master's degree in electrical engineering the following year.

He worked with Vitro Laboratories in Silver Spring, Md. from 1949 to 1991, becoming a senior manager of research projects in electronics design and manufacturing and obtaining three patents. After retirement, he worked briefly as senior advisor for Wideband Systems in Silver Spring.

He was a member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants and the Chevy Chase Club, where he served on the board of governors from 1993 to 1997. He was an accomplished tennis player and golfer, winning many awards in high school, college, and club tournaments. He also loved to sail and frequently enjoyed day and overnight outings aboard his sailboat, Alcayone. In retirement he enjoyed genealogical research, spending the winter in St. Augustine, Fla., and traveling overseas with family and friends, especially members of the St. Albans School Flying Bulldogs.

He was a longtime member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Chevy Chase and served in various volunteer capacities over the years. He also conducted interviews and fund-raising projects for Princeton University, Norwood School, Washington National Cathedral, and the Flower Mart.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Jeanne Marsh Dougherty; two sons, Gregg of Bethesda, Md. and James of Chevy Chase; a brother, Robert E. Dougherty of Princeton; and four grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on February 4 at St. John's Episcopal Church in Chevy Chase.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Episcopal Church, 6701 Wisconsin Avenue, Chevy Chase, Md. 20815; or to St. Albans School, Mount St. Alban, Washington, D.C. 20016.

Sarah H. Brodsky

Sarah Hart Brodsky, 68, of Bronxville, N.Y., formerly of Princeton, died February 5 at Lawrence Hospital.

Born in Philadelphia, she grew up in Princeton.

She was a trained concert pianist who graduated from the Yale School of Music and studied piano and flute in Vienna.

Predeceased by her husband, Murray Brodsky, she is survived by a brother, Brandon Hart, and several nieces and nephews.

Marjorie L. Fryer

Marjorie Louise Fryer, 84, of Southbury, Conn., formerly of Princeton, died February 8 at River Glen of Southbury.

Born in Princeton, she was the daughter of the late Willis and Alice (Hall) Fryer.

She graduated from Greenwich (Conn.) High School in 1939 and was employed by Pitney Bowes for 45 years, where she was the executive secretary to Fred Bowes, Jr. for 25 years. At the time of her retirement in 1986, she was administrative assistant to Walter Hedley, Vice President for International Operations.

She was a 45 year resident of Greenwich before moving to Stamford, Conn., where she lived for 14 years and

volunteered at St. Joseph's Medical Center, the American Red Cross, and the Stamford Museum. She moved to Heritage Village in Southbury in 1990, and later to Kensington Green, also in Southbury.

Predeceased by two brothers, Willis Fryer and James Fryer, and a sister, Catherine Wolfert, she is survived by several nieces and nephews and many cousins.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 19 at St. Paul's Church, 214 Nassau Street. Interment will follow in St. Paul's Cemetery.

Friends may call from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday at Kimble Funeral Home, 1 Hamilton Avenue.

Memorial contributions may be made to Special Wishes, P.O. Box 1074, Norwich, Conn. 06360.

Martha L. A. Norris

Martha L. A. Norris, 80, of Princeton, died February 5 at home.

Born in Indianapolis, Ind., she was the founder of the Martha L. A. Norris Foundation, a member of the Colonial Dames of America, and a member of Trinity Church. She also volunteered for many years at Lawrenceville Nursing Home.

Daughter of the late Robert Andrew and Mary Ellis Walker Adams, and wife of the late Alfred Norris, she is survived by a daughter, Roberta Ellsworth of Princeton; a step-daughter, Emily Daniels of Indianapolis; and two grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, February 18, at 3 p.m. at Trinity Church, 33 Mercer Street.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Princeton First Aid and Rescue Squad, P.O. Box S29, Princeton 08542.

Funeral Arrangements are under the direction of The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home, Princeton.

John M. Moore

John Michael Moore, 64, of Princeton, died February 13 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Hamilton.

Born in New York City, he was formerly a resident of Point Lookout, N.Y. and New Canaan, Conn., before relocating with his family to Princeton in 1987.

A graduate of the Xavier Military Academy in Manhattan, he subsequently received a B.B.A. in marketing from Fairfield University and attended the Amos Tuck School at Dartmouth College.

He was proud of his service in the United States Army, having served two tours of duty with the 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam, for which he was awarded both the Purple Heart Medal by President Lyndon Johnson and the Bronze Star Medal. During his military career, he served as Headquarters Commandant at both The Presidio of Monterey, Calif., and Fort Hamilton, N.Y.

Following his military service, he began a successful career in the real estate and mortgage banking industries. He held senior executive positions at Merrill Lynch, GE Capital Mortgage Corporation, Reliance Relocation Services, and GMAC Mortgage Corporation. Most recently he was Senior Vice President of Institutional Lending of Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc.

An avid golfer, he was a member of the Bedens Brook Golf Club and the Darien (Conn.) Golf Club. He also enjoyed traveling to international golf destinations.

Son of the late Michael A. and Marion V. Moore, and brother of the late Margaret M. Calvert, he is survived by his wife of 33 years, Carole; a son, Brendan; and a daughter, Kate.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, February 16 at The Kimble Funeral Home, 1 Hamilton Avenue. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Thursday, February 17 at St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church, 214 Nassau Street. Interment will be at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the American Cancer Society, 3076 Princeton Pike, Lawrenceville 08648.

David Mathey

David Mathey, 73, of Princeton, died February 10 at the Medical Center of Princeton after a short illness.

Born in New York, he was a resident of Princeton most of his life.

He attended Princeton Country Day School and Deerfield Academy.

He enjoyed golf and tennis as a boy and played in the junior National Tennis Tournament for boys under 15 years. While a student at Deerfield Academy, he was afflicted with a mind-crippling disease. Ultimately he found relief at The University of Pennsylvania Hospital, and was able to return home to Princeton and live a relatively normal life. Following the tradition of his father, Dean Mathey, he contributed to many charitable, educational, and civic organizations in the greater Princeton area.

He is survived by two brothers, Macdonald Mathey and Dean Mathey Jr., both of New York City; and by three gentlemen who cared for him for many years, Henry Kelly, Frank Coogan, and Edward Kelly.

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ELFRIEDA H. JAFFIN

Elfrieda H. Jaffin, 91, of Ambler PA, a retired teacher for the Wissahickon/Ambler School System, died on February 9, 2005 at Chestnut Hill Hospital after a short illness from complications of congestive heart failure.

Mrs. Jaffin was born on November 21, 1913 in Tamaqua, PA, the daughter of the late John R. and Clara H. Hartung. She was the wife of the late Frederick T. Jaffin, Sr., also a retired teacher and coach in the same school system.

Mrs. Jaffin attended Bloomsburg State Teachers College, and graduated from the School of Education at Temple University with both a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Education.

She began her 35 year career in teaching in the Tamaqua and later in the Ambler School System in 1953. She had a long career at Wissahickon's Mattison Avenue Elementary School, teaching First Grade, retiring in 1983, and serving subsequently as a substitute teacher.

She was a longtime servant of the public school system, always with untiring interest in her students, many of whom loved to talk with her as adults remembering their days together with their teacher.

Born and raised in Tamaqua, PA, she graduated from Tamaqua High School before entering Bloomsburg, where she met her future husband, Mr. Jaffin. They were married in 1940, and lived in Western Pennsylvania for several years until they moved to Ambler in 1947.

Mrs. Jaffin was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Montgomery County Women's Club and the Colony Club of Ambler. She was also a member of the Retired Teacher's Association of the State of Pennsylvania. She supported many child welfare organizations, and was a strong advocate for animal welfare and related organizations. She was a sports fan, attending many sports events, and keenly followed both professional and college football teams.

She is survived by her twin sister, Linda Hartung, of Washington, DC; her son, retired navy Captain Frederick T. Jaffin, Jr. of Warrenton, PA and her daughter Barbara Lynne Jordan of Princeton, NJ, both Ambler/Wissahickon High School graduates; five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Upper Dublin Lutheran Church, 411 Susquehanna Road, Ambler, PA on Monday February 14, 2005 with interment at the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Tamaqua. Memorials may be sent to either the St. John's Lutheran Church, 24 North Ridge Avenue, Ambler, PA 19002, or to the Wissahickon School District care of The Frederick T. and Elfrieda H. Jaffin Scholarship fund at 601 Knight Road, Ambler, PA 19002.

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Prof. Barton, an ordained deacon and priest in the Church of England, is a canon theologian at Winchester Cathedral and a member of the Church of England General Synod, where he represents Oxford University clergy. He is also governor and chairman of the board of studies at Ripon College in Cuddesdon. His publications include *The Significance of a Fixed Canon of the Hebrew Bible*, *The Spirit and the Letter: Studies in the Biblical Canon*, *Historical and Critical Approaches* (The Cambridge Companion to Biblical Interpretation), and *What is a Book? Modern Exegesis and the Literary Conventions of Ancient Israel*.

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St. Paul Roman Catholic Church, 214 Nassau Street, will hold a Parish Mission on Monday, February 21 through Thursday, February 24, featuring Father Paul Bernier, S.S.S.

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Fr. Bernier, from the congregation of the Blessed Sacrament, is presently the editor of Emmanuel Magazine. He previously served in the Parish Ministry at St.

Andrew's and St. Jean Baptist Churches, and as chaplain at Pace University in New York City. He also served ten years as a missionary in the Philippines. He has presented approximately 100 retreats to priests and bishops as well as numerous conferences.

The themes of the St. Paul Mission Services, which will be held at 7 p.m. each evening in the church, are as follows: Monday, "You Can't Worship God in Your Closet"; Tuesday, "The Eucharist Reconciles Us to God," followed by a communal penance service with individual confession; Wednesday, "Do You Know Who You Are"; and Thursday, "Receiving the Whole Christ," followed by a closing mass and refreshments in the church hall.

Participants are invited to join Fr. Bernier for coffee and donuts in the church basement following the 8:10 a.m. mass on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

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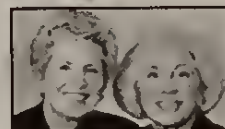
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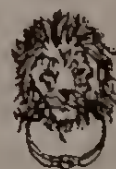
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Before entering into a franchise relationship, you should know what benefits you will be getting from the franchisor and how those benefits will compensate for the loss of control and royalties. At minimum, this involves the following steps:

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2. Do your market research on the franchised business to confirm that the franchisor's earnings claims and profit projections are reasonable and that the business model works. Your independent research will pay off, not only in determining which franchise is best for you but also in understanding your market once you decide to go ahead with a particular franchise.
3. Make sure you understand your rights and obligations under the franchise agreement, includ-

ing payments, restrictions and other important matters. The franchise agreement will be drafted to protect the franchisor, but you should be comfortable that you will have the right to take action against the franchisor for failing to perform its obligations.

4. Confirm that you have enough start-up capital. The UFOC spells out the estimated start-up costs for the franchise. Allow for contingencies. The single most common reason that new businesses (including franchises) fail is that they did not have enough start-up capital.
5. If you are purchasing a retail franchise, make sure that your lease is acceptable. Along with your franchise agreement, your employees and the equipment you purchase, your lease will be one of your most important business assets. Spend the time to understand both the business and legal aspects of the lease, and get advice and support from the franchisor and your financial and legal advisors to negotiate any provisions that could affect the viability of your business.

Owning a franchise can be an exciting and lucrative alternative to starting a business from scratch. However, not all franchises are good businesses. Conducting a thorough investigation is crucial to choosing and running a successful franchised business.

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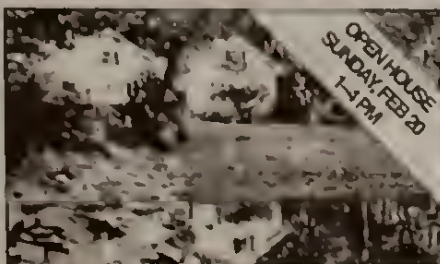
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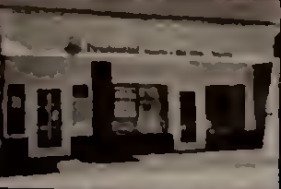
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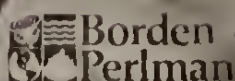
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